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"The General Court of Justice shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

Art. IV, Sec. 2, N. C. Constitution




**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
JUSTICE BUILDING
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

*To The Honorable, The Chief Justice of
The Supreme Court of North Carolina*

Submitted herewith is the Eleventh Annual Report of the Administrative Officer of the Courts.
This Report, prepared pursuant to G.S. 7A-343, relates to the 1976 calendar year.

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INTRODUCTION

In more ways than one 1976 may be regarded as a milestone for the publication of the annual reports of the Administrative Office of the Courts. 1976 marks the beginning of the second decade for annual reports on the Judicial Department, pursuant to the Judicial Department Act of 1965 which established the Administrative Office of the Courts. This year also marks a significant revision in format and content of the annual report.

In format, the report is now in regular page size which better accommodates the series of tables and text. As to content, data is being published this year — for the first time — on *ages* of cases pending in the trial courts as of the end of the year. This new data is possible because of a revised data reporting system implemented in 1976, and for the first time we have data which tells us something about “case backlog”. The subject of case backlog is dealt with in the text of the report, in the sections on the superior court and district court divisions.

Under the revised system of reporting, each case which is filed in a trial court is reported by its individual case number, along with date of filing and other identifying information, to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Each case which is disposed of is similarly reported, with individual case number, date of disposition and other identifying information. This information is entered on reporting forms daily in the clerks' offices, and these forms are accumulated and mailed each week to AOC. Upon receipt in AOC, the forms are checked for completeness and the data is keyed to magnetic computer tape. The AOC purchases computer time from the State Department of Administration's Computer Center, to process the data and to produce reports. In substance, the system enables AOC to maintain a perpetual pending case inventory on computer file. A weekly total of approximately 55,000 case filings and case dispositions are thus reported to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

It has been recognized for sometime that the old system of reporting numbers of cases filed and numbers of cases disposed of permitted errors to build up in the pending case figures which were carried forward from year to year. It was not possible at state level to check case statistics by individual case number against the individual case records in the clerks' offices. Following the implementation of the revised case data reporting system and the taking of special case inventories in the clerks' offices, verification was obtained on the number of cases pending as of December 31, 1975 as well as the number of cases filed and disposed of during 1976, and the number pending as of December 31, 1976. It was concluded that pending case figures reported previously for December 31, 1975 were overstated. Instead of a total of 296,304, the pending case total was 249,939. Therefore, the corrected pending case figures, as of January 1, 1976, are shown in the tables contained in the 1976 Annual Report.

Appreciation is expressed to the clerks of superior court across the State for their splendid cooperation in implementing the improved system of case data reporting. They and their staffs were called on to assume extra burdens of work, without additional personnel, simply to get the new reporting system in operation.

To place the present system of data reporting in correct perspective, it is important to emphasize that it falls far short of being a full-fledged, up-to-date “computer system” which is sorely needed for North Carolina's court system. What we now have is still a *manual* data reporting system. All of the data which the Administrative Office of the Courts obtains from the 100 clerks' offices must be entered on paper in the clerks' offices, and that paper — a great volume — transmitted weekly to Raleigh by mail from each of the 100 counties.

With the assistance of some LEAA grant funding, the Administrative Office of the Courts is now engaged in an effort to develop a full-fledged information system for the courts, utilizing electronic data processing. To implement a complete electronic data information system — one which will permit data to be entered directly into a computer system from the clerks' offices and which will provide local direct access to computer-stored data — will require state appropriated funds, especially for the maintenance and operation of such a system once it is designed and implemented on a pilot basis.

Such a system is needed not only to provide adequate information to assess the operation of the courts from a statewide perspective, important as that is, but to provide day-to-day operational assistance in each county, for the clerks of court, for district attorneys, for judges, and for all other personnel in the judicial system.

The already vast volume of records which must be maintained in the court system will inexorably increase year after year. The courts will experience greater inefficiencies in the years ahead if electronic data processing is not made available to the court system. Such inefficiencies will create barriers to the proper administration of justice for each individual who is a participant in a court proceeding. Thus, the hope is expressed that future sessions of the General Assembly will recognize the problem that is growing larger with each passing year and will be persuaded to deal with this problem by providing the necessary state funding for a complete electronic data processing system for the courts of North Carolina.

Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes provides that the Administrative Officer of the Courts shall "prepare and submit an annual report on the work of the Judicial Department to the Chief Justice, and transmit a copy to each member of the General Assembly; . . ." The statute does not specify the scope or describe the content of the required annual report. Nevertheless, the statutory language may be interpreted as requiring, at the minimum, information on the significant work of the Judicial Department, leaving to the Administrative Officer, subject to any policy direction of the Chief Justice, the determination of precisely what format and content the annual report should have. Considering the statutory language as well as what would seem to be practical and desirable in the way of an annual report, the following appear to be the principal purposes which the annual report ought to serve:

- (1) Provide information and data on the significant work of the Judicial Department, as a matter of minimum compliance with G.S. 7A-343.
- (2) Provide information and data useful for short-range administrative or policy decisions concerning the Judicial Department.
- (3) Provide information and data useful for long-range planning for the Judicial Department.
- (4) Preserve in appropriate context and focus information and data useful for historical study and assessment.

Format as well as content of the annual report will determine whether, and how well, the above-stated purposes will be achieved. Equally obvious, these purposes must be achieved with due regard to the factor of production and printing costs.

Apart from case data, this year's Report contains some new sections of comment and information. Some — for example, the historical note and the statement on present court system organization — will not necessarily be repeated in each subsequent annual report. What is sought to be achieved is to present relevant data and comment on this year's activity, placed in focus and context for assessment and understanding.

It is hoped that the changes in format and content which are reflected in this year's report will, for those who have occasion to use the report, communicate in understandable fashion that which is relevant to know or to have convenient access to at some future date.

September, 1977

The Appellate Division

“The Appellate Division of the General Court of Justice shall consist of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.”

N. C. Const., Art. IV, Sec. 5

THE APPELLATE DIVISION

THE SUPREME COURT

One hundred and thirty-nine opinions were filed by the Supreme Court in 1976. Of the total, 57 were civil and 82 were criminal cases. Forty-three percent (23 opinions) of the civil appeals were affirmed and 68 percent (55 opinions) of the criminal appeals were affirmed. In the remaining cases, the Supreme Court modified or reversed the decisions from which the appeals were taken. Of the total number of appeals, 47 were decisions in which the Supreme Court granted a discretionary review, the remaining 92 were appeals as of right. As reported in the North Carolina Reports, the court disposed of 294 petitions for *certiorari*, 10 motions to dismiss, and one motion to rehear.

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice

SUSIE SHARP

Associate Justices

I. BEVERLY LAKE

JOSEPH W. BRANCH

J. FRANK HUSKINS

DAN K. MOORE

J. WILLIAM COPELAND

JAMES G. EXUM, JR.

Emergency Justices

J. WILL PLESS, JR.

WILLIAM H. BOBBITT, C.J.

CARLISLE W. HIGGINS

THE COURT OF APPEALS

Nine hundred and ninety-nine opinions were filed by the Court of Appeals in 1976. Of these 999 opinions, 510 were in criminal cases and 489 in civil cases (including appeals from the Insurance Commissioner, the Industrial Commission and the Utilities Commission). The court disposed of 1,027 motions and petitions in 1976.

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge

WALTER E. BROCK

Associate Judges

DAVID M. BRITT

NAOMI E. MORRIS

FRANK M. PARKER

ROBERT A. HEDRICK

EARL W. VAUGHN

ROBERT M. MARTIN

EDWARD B. CLARK

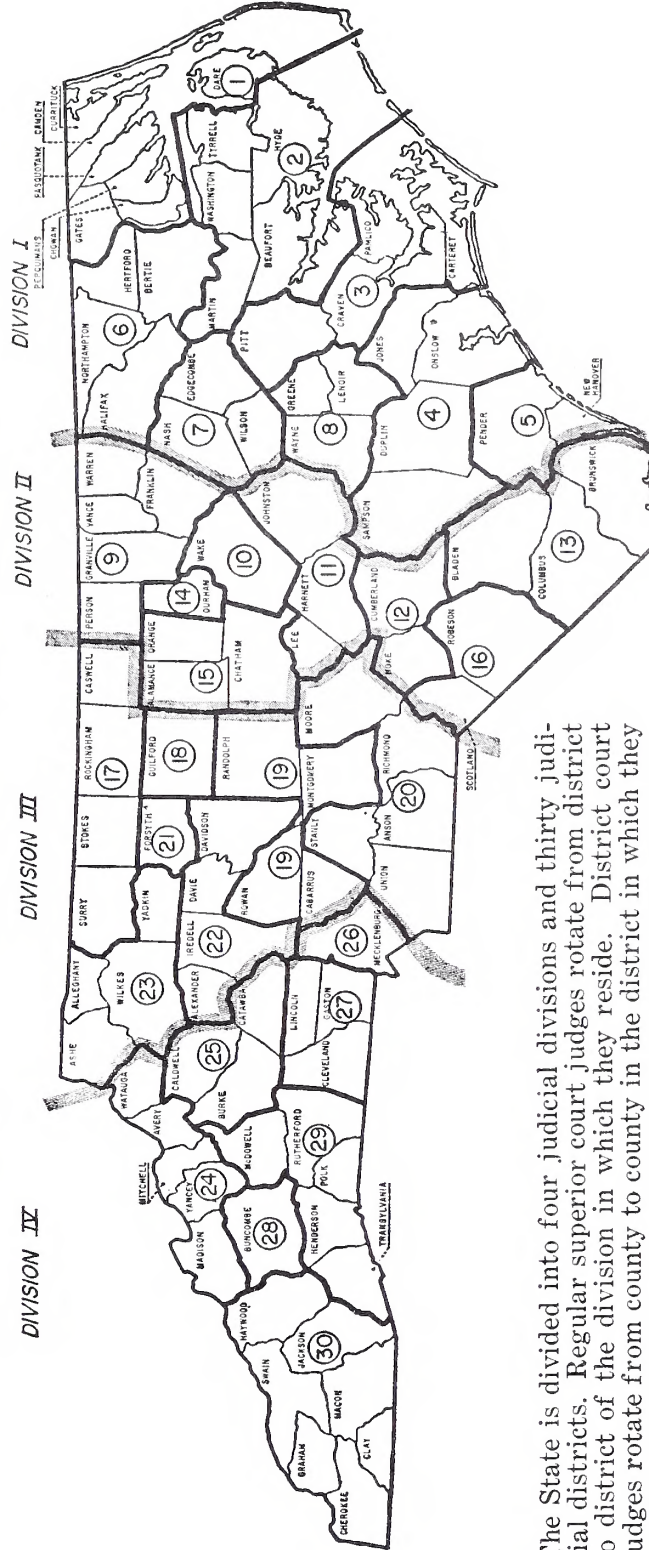
GERALD ARNOLD

Emergency Judges

RAYMOND B. MALLARD

HUGH B. CAMPBELL

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS



The State is divided into four judicial divisions and thirty judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district of the division in which they reside. District court judges rotate from county to county in the district in which they reside.

The Superior Court Division

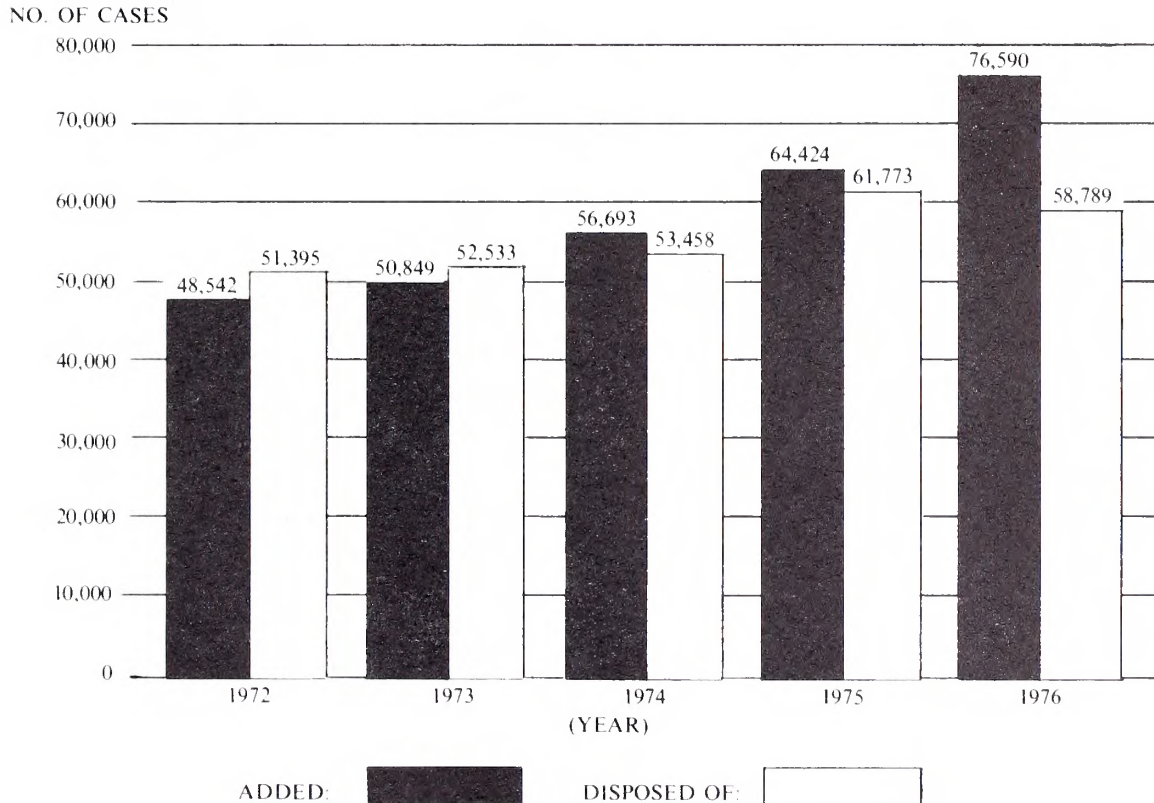
"The General Assembly shall, from time to time, divide the State into a convenient number of Superior Court judicial districts and shall provide for the election of one or more Superior Court Judges for each district."

N. C. Const., Art. IV, Sec. 9(1)

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Total case activity in the superior courts during 1976, compared with total case activity during the preceding four years, is depicted in the graphs which follow. There was a slight decrease in total filings — 63,321 in 1976 as compared with 64,424 in 1975. There was also a decrease in the total number of dispositions, 58,789 in 1976 as compared with 61,773 in 1975. The number of cases pending at the end of 1976 was 33,083 as compared with 28,551 at the end of 1975, an increase of 14.7%.

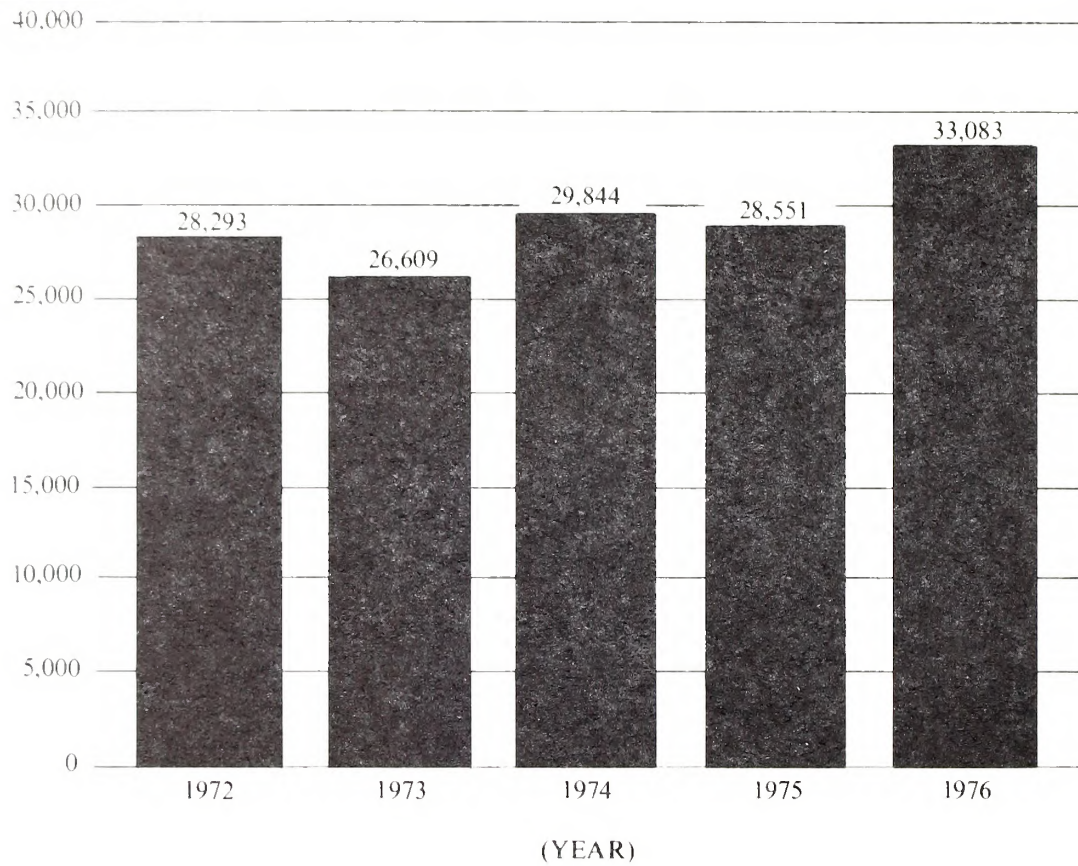
TOTAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS (For Years, 1972-1976)



TOTAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)

NO. OF CASES



UTILIZATION OF SCHEDULED SUPERIOR COURT

(For Years, 1972-1976)

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Days Scheduled</u>	<u>No. Days Held</u>	<u>% of Scheduled Days Held</u>
1972	9,170	7,496	81.7
1973	9,542 ½	7,716	80.9
1974	9,846	7,763 ½	78.8
1975	11,525	9,143	79.3
1976	11,268	8,897 ½	78.9

The total number of days of superior court scheduled in 1976 was 11,268, compared with 11,525 in 1975. There was also some decrease in the total number of days of court held, 8,897 ½ in 1976 as compared with 9,143 days held in 1975. For all 100 counties, the percentage of scheduled days of court held in 1976 was 78.9% compared with 79.3% in 1975.

SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DOCKET

Civil case activity in the superior courts during 1976 is compared with civil case activity during the preceding four years in the graphs which follow. There was a small decrease in civil case filings — 10,774 in 1976 as compared with 10,919 in 1975. There was a slight increase in the number of civil case dispositions — 9,391 in 1976 as compared with 9,222 in 1975. The number of civil cases pending at the end of 1976 was 14,652 as compared with 13,269 pending at the end of 1975, an increase of 10.4%

Tables are presented which show the distribution of pending civil cases among the counties; the ten counties with the largest number of civil cases pending at the end of 1976; the ten counties with the highest and the ten with the lowest ratios of dispositions of civil cases to total civil caseloads; and the ratios of dispositions of civil cases to total civil caseloads; and the ratios of dispositions of estates and of special proceedings to total caseloads in these categories.

Data is then shown, by judicial districts and by counties, on: (1) civil cases pending, filed and disposed of in 1976; (2) ages of civil cases pending as of December 31, 1976; (3) utilization of civil superior court terms; (4) estates cases before the clerks of superior court — pending, filed and disposed of in 1976; (5) ages of estates cases pending as of December 31, 1976; (6) special proceedings before the clerks of superior court — pending, filed and disposed of in 1976; and (7) ages of special proceedings pending as of December 31, 1976. Special proceedings before the clerks of superior court include such matters as foreclosures, involuntary commitments to mental hospitals, adoptions, condemnations of real property under eminent domain, and hearings on incompetency.

If neither of the parties involved in a civil case is interested in having the case put on the trial calendar, it will not likely be calendared. This may explain why there are more than 100 civil cases which have been pending in the superior courts for more than 10 years, and why four are shown to have been pending for more than 20 years. Special proceedings and estates matters before the clerks are also "civil" matters, and the parties involved may not always be interested in bringing them to a conclusion. Further, in many of these types of cases, the nature of the case may dictate that it will be before the court for many years. This is especially true in estates matters where several are shown to have been pending for more than 20 years. An estate case filed on behalf of a minor may properly have to remain open for the life of that individual.

From the standpoint of an efficiently functioning court system, it can be said that there is always an underlying public interest in assuring that cases of all types are disposed of promptly, consistent with the nature of the case and the rights of the parties involved. In civil matters, it is obvious that the court system (and thus the public interest) is not well served by having any such matter carried as an open, pending case for several years simply because the parties in such a case permit or tolerate this to occur because of disinterest or inattention. At the least, such cases clutter the records and give an erroneous picture of the real workload confronting the court system.

Is there a civil case backlog in North Carolina's superior courts? The answer to this question necessarily depends upon one's definition of backlog status. Or, stated another way, within what period of time should the superior courts be expected to dispose of any civil case?

There is no official or generally recognized time standard for the disposition of civil cases in the superior courts. The data on ages of pending civil cases (page 16) shows that about 70% of the cases were pending more than six months, and 47% of the cases were pending more than one year, with 20.9% pending more than two years.

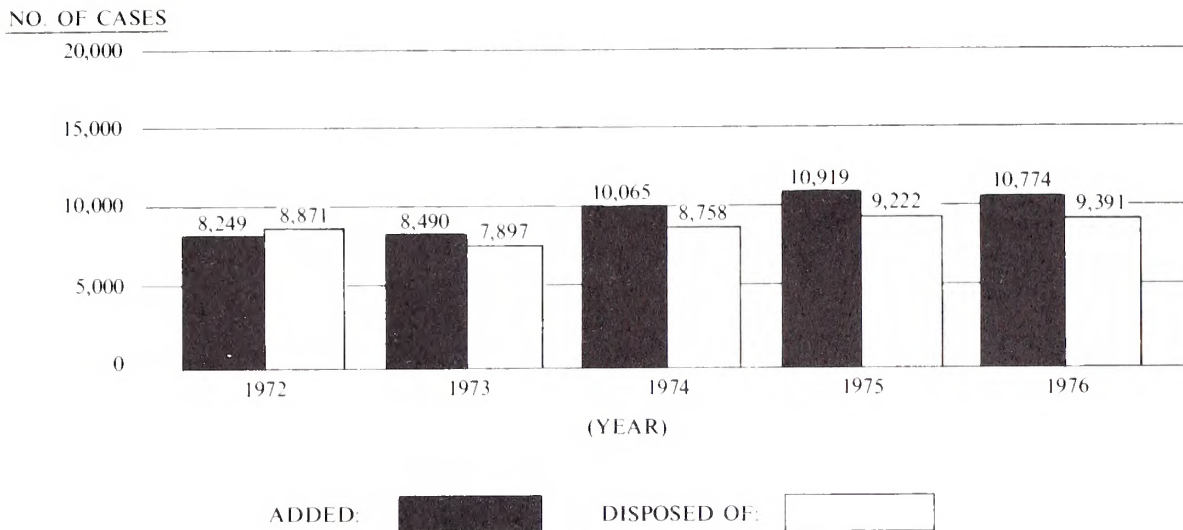
Perhaps, ideally, the superior courts should be able to dispose of any civil case within six months after it is filed. Or, perhaps it would be more realistic and in keeping with the developments in most civil cases to suggest that a civil case — absent unusual circumstances — should be disposed of within a year after the case is filed.

If a one-year standard were applied to our present situation, it is obvious that one would conclude that there is a substantial backlog of civil cases in our superior courts, with 47% of the total number pending for more than one year. Presumably, the most tolerant time standard would place in a backlog status those civil cases pending for more than two years. Applying the two-year time standard puts almost 21% of the total (3,042 cases out of a total of 14,653) in a "backlog" status.

No definitive conclusions are suggested at this time as to what should be an appropriate specific time standard for the disposition of superior court civil cases. Undoubtedly, this is a matter which will receive close attention of court officials, members of the practicing bar, and interested members of the public; and in time a more specific standard will evolve, whether officially mandated or not, which will provide guidance in this area for assessing the court system performance.

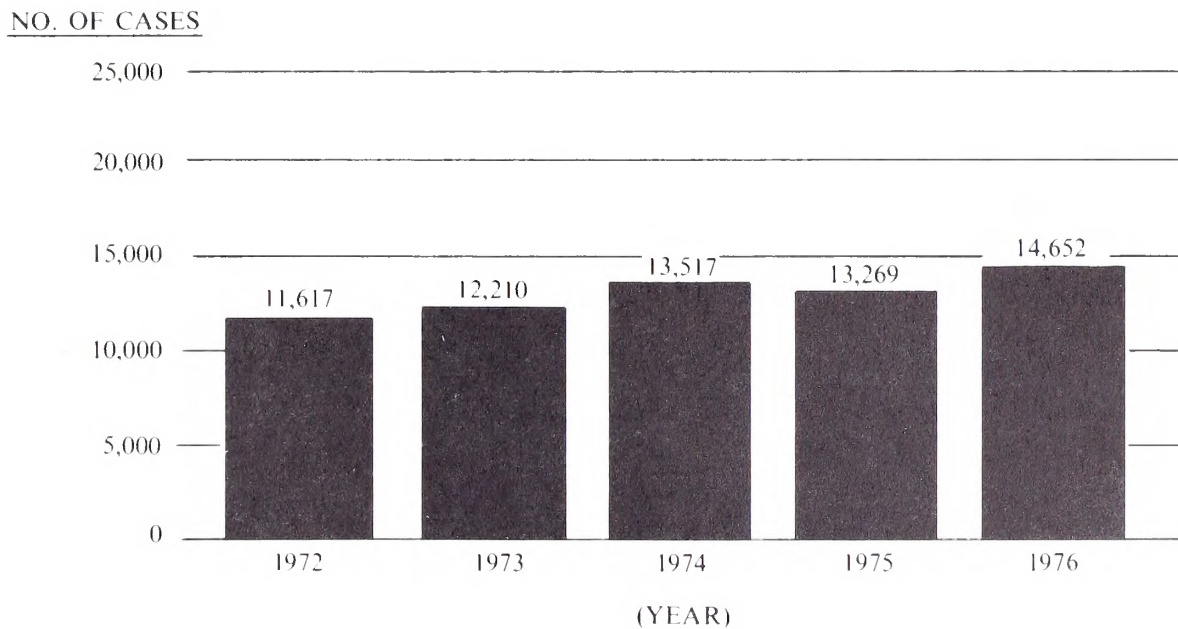
CIVIL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)



CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

(For Years, 1972-76)

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties & Year: 1972	42	30	15	9	4
1973	41	27	19	9	4
1974	42	25	21	7	5
1975	37	30	18	9	6
1976	40	21	27	6	6

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL DOCKETS PENDING AT YEAR END

County	Pending 1/1/76	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/76	Relation (%) of Disposi- tions to Filings
*Mecklenburg	1,603	1,268	995	1,876	78.5
*Wake	1,367	916	930	1,353	101.5
*Guilford	1,005	716	639	1,082	89.3
*Durham	872	458	378	952	82.5
*Forsyth	482	630	396	716	62.9
*Buncombe	636	407	446	597	109.6
*Gaston	319	339	274	384	80.8
*Cumberland	293	251	183	361	72.9
Wayne	174	204	112	266	54.9
New Hanover	176	170	118	228	69.4
STATE MEAN	133	108	94	147	87.0

*Counties that were listed in this table in the *1975 Annual Report*.

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST RATIOS OF SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DISPOSITIONS TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Caldwell	282	106	79.7
Catawba	318	105	76.1
Hoke	29	21	71.4
Madison	89	63	70.8
Perquimans	41	28	68.3
Robeson	316	208	65.8
Lincoln	956	433	61.6
Yancey	26	16	61.5
Henderson	534	327	61.2
Scotland	55	33	60.0
STATE MEAN	240	94	39.2

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH LOWEST RATIOS OF SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DISPOSITIONS TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Vance	139	17	12.2
Anson	82	13	15.9
Hyde	16	3	18.8
Columbus	220	48	21.8
Gates	20	5	25.0
Dare	102	26	25.5
Nash	268	72	26.9
Northampton	64	18	28.1
Durham	1330	346	28.4
Wayne	378	112	29.6
STATE MEAN	240	94	39.2

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	Pending 1/1/76	Cases Filed, 1976	Total Caseload	1976 Case Dispositions				Pending 12/31/76	Increase/ Decrease in Pending Cases
				Jury	Judge	Other	Total Dispositions		
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>									
Camden	5	9	14	0	1	6	7	7	+ 2
Chowan	37	19	56	1	8	15	24	32	- 5
Currituck	23	27	50	0	4	15	19	31	+ 8
Dare	47	55	102	0	7	19	26	76	+ 29
Gates	3	17	20	0	0	5	5	15	+ 12
Pasquotank	40	42	82	1	13	15	29	53	+ 13
Perquimans	28	13	41	2	1	25	28	13	- 15
TOTAL	183	182	365	4	34	100	138	227	+ 44
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>									
Beaufort	93	64	157	3	28	32	63	94	+ 1
Hyde	1	15	16	0	1	2	3	13	+ 12
Martin	19	24	43	0	10	6	16	27	+ 8
Tyrrell	2	3	5	0	0	2	2	3	+ 1
Washington	14	15	29	1	3	6	10	19	+ 5
TOTAL	129	121	250	4	42	48	94	156	+ 27
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>									
Carteret	119	73	192	1	18	43	62	130	+ 11
Craven	132	141	273	11	33	52	96	177	+ 45
Pamlico	29	18	47	2	6	16	24	23	- 6
Pitt	109	143	252	8	44	47	99	153	+ 44
TOTAL	389	375	764	22	101	158	281	483	+ 94
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>									
Duplin	31	50	81	1	19	13	33	48	+ 17
Jones	16	27	43	1	8	13	22	21	+ 5
Onslow	157	88	245	7	28	99	134	111	- 46
Sampson	83	78	161	3	38	42	83	78	- 5
TOTAL	287	243	530	12	93	167	272	258	- 29
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>									
New Hanover	176	170	346	10	27	81	118	228	+ 52
Pender	45	13	58	0	3	15	18	40	- 5
TOTAL	221	183	404	10	30	96	136	268	+ 47
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>									
Bertie	42	38	80	0	6	24	30	50	+ 8
Halifax	93	46	139	5	18	33	56	83	- 10
Hertford	29	21	50	3	4	8	15	35	+ 6
Northampton	38	26	64	0	5	13	18	46	+ 8
TOTAL	202	131	333	8	33	78	119	214	+ 12
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>									
Edgecombe	66	62	128	3	20	30	53	75	+ 9
Nash	157	111	268	3	37	32	72	196	+ 39
Wilson	163	91	254	8	36	39	83	171	+ 8
TOTAL	386	264	650	14	93	101	208	442	+ 56

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/76	Cases Filed, 1976	Total Caseload	1976 Case Dispositions				Pending 12/31/76	Increase/ Decrease in Pending Cases
				Jury	Judge	Other	Total Dispositions		
Greene	30	6	36	1	7	9	17	19	- 11
Lenoir	116	115	231	4	23	46	73	158	+ 42
Wayne	174	204	378	7	34	71	112	266	+ 92
TOTAL	320	325	645	12	64	126	202	443	+ 123
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>									
Franklin	53	54	107	2	6	24	32	75	+ 22
Granville	66	26	92	0	9	25	34	58	- 8
Person	29	42	71	1	11	13	25	46	+ 17
Vance	94	45	139	0	9	8	17	122	+ 28
Warren	55	54	109	3	23	28	54	55
TOTAL	297	221	518	6	58	98	162	356	+ 59
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>									
Wake	1367	916	2283	38	343	549	930	1353	- 14
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>									
Harnett	181	110	291	4	32	93	129	162	- 19
Johnston	152	130	282	15	63	64	142	140	- 12
Lee	109	64	173	11	31	30	72	101	- 8
TOTAL	442	304	746	30	126	187	343	403	- 39
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cumberland	293	251	544	8	86	89	183	361	+ 68
Hoke	13	16	29	0	3	18	21	8	- 5
TOTAL	306	267	573	8	89	107	204	369	+ 63
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>									
Bladen	20	22	42	0	4	11	15	27	+ 7
Brunswick	145	77	222	4	18	57	79	143	- 2
Columbus	124	96	220	8	17	23	48	172	+ 48
TOTAL	289	195	484	12	39	91	142	342	+ 53
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>									
Durham	872	458	1330	12	20	346	378	952	+ 80
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>									
Alamance	182	151	333	12	63	96	171	162	- 20
Chatham	37	45	82	2	20	11	33	49	+ 12
Orange	192	64	256	8	31	43	82	174	- 18
TOTAL	411	260	671	22	114	150	286	385	- 26
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>									
Robeson	119	197	316	3	165	40	208	108	- 11
Scotland	18	37	55	0	23	10	33	22	+ 4
TOTAL	137	234	371	3	188	50	241	130	- 7

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<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/76	Cases Filed, 1976	Total Caseload	1976 Case Dispositions				Pending 12/31/76	Increase/ Decrease in Pending Cases
				Jury	Judge	Other	Total Dispositions		
Caswell	5	13	18	0	0	9	9	9	+ 4
Rockingham	77	130	207	4	31	41	76	131	+ 54
Stokes	12	35	47	1	17	2	20	27	+ 15
Surry	65	101	166	6	5	52	63	103	+ 38
TOTAL	159	279	438	11	53	104	168	270	+ 111
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>									
Guilford									
Greensboro	787	554	1341	36	173	312	521	820	+ 33
High Point	218	162	380	10	43	65	118	262	+ 44
TOTAL	1005	716	1721	46	216	377	639	1082	+ 77
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cabarrus	138	90	228	10	41	36	87	141	+ 3
Montgomery	27	15	42	3	8	14	25	17	- 10
Randolph	114	96	210	5	33	49	87	123	+ 9
Rowan	80	83	163	8	15	59	82	81	+ 1
TOTAL	359	284	643	26	97	158	281	362	+ 3
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>									
Anson	26	56	82	1	7	5	13	69	+ 43
Moore	104	50	154	9	43	26	78	76	- 28
Richmond	50	57	107	6	23	16	45	62	+ 12
Stanly	56	33	89	0	11	22	33	56
Union	107	94	201	2	37	56	95	106	- 1
TOTAL	343	290	633	18	121	125	264	369	+ 26
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>									
Forsyth	482	630	1112	37	160	199	396	716	+ 234
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>									
Alexander	12	27	39	1	11	8	20	19	+ 7
Davidson	150	123	273	6	38	58	102	171	+ 21
Davie	23	19	42	1	5	16	22	20	- 3
Iredell	68	108	176	2	26	35	63	113	+ 45
TOTAL	253	277	530	10	80	117	207	323	+ 70
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>									
Alleghany	19	21	40	2	9	10	21	19
Ashe	8	16	24	2	5	4	11	13	+ 5
Wilkes	79	95	174	9	29	54	92	82	+ 3
Yadkin	35	44	79	4	6	21	31	48	+ 13
TOTAL	141	176	317	17	49	89	155	162	+ 21
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>									
Avery	41	36	77	4	11	25	40	37	- 4
Madison	61	28	89	15	20	28	63	26	- 35
Mitchell	52	21	73	3	11	20	34	39	- 13
Watauga	45	67	112	3	12	20	35	77	+ 32
Yancey	14	12	26	1	1	14	16	10	- 4
TOTAL	213	164	377	26	55	107	188	189	- 24

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	Pending 1/1/76	Cases Filed, 1976	Total Caseload	1976 Case Dispositions				Pending 12/31/76	Increase/ Decrease in Pending Cases
				Jury	Judge	Other	Total Dispositions		
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>									
Burke	97	210	307	12	55	50	117	190	+ 93
Caldwell	149	133	282	3	14	89	106	176	+ 27
Catawba	180	138	318	4	46	55	105	213	+ 33
TOTAL	426	481	907	19	115	194	328	579	+ 153
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>									
Mecklenburg	1603	1268	2871	84	479	432	995	1876	+ 273
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cleveland	52	134	186	8	32	50	90	96	+ 44
Gaston	319	339	658	12	116	146	274	384	+ 65
Lincoln	55	57	112	4	28	37	69	43	- 12
TOTAL	426	530	956	24	176	233	433	523	+ 97
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>									
Buncombe	636	407	1043	30	259	157	446	597	- 39
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>									
Henderson	385	149	534	3	317	7	327	207	- 178
McDowell	49	30	79	7	3	28	38	41	- 8
Polk	14	23	37	1	5	8	14	23	+ 9
Rutherford	89	67	156	7	38	31	76	80	- 9
Transylvania	46	50	96	0	30	18	48	48	+ 2
TOTAL	583	319	902	18	393	92	503	399	- 184
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>									
Cherokee	48	32	80	1	10	17	28	52	+ 4
Clay	2	4	6	1	2	0	3	3	+ 1
Graham	14	13	27	2	5	5	12	15	+ 1
Haywood	97	80	177	5	30	36	71	106	+ 9
Jackson	115	74	189	2	41	25	68	121	+ 6
Macon	73	58	131	4	13	24	41	90	+ 17
Swain	53	13	66	4	21	4	29	37	- 16
TOTAL	402	274	676	19	122	111	252	424	+ 22
STATE TOTAL	13269	10774	24043	602	3842	4947	9391	14652	+ 1383

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<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 6 Years	6 Years To 10 Years	10 Years To 20 Years	Greater Than 20 Years
Camden	7	1	2		2	1		1			
Percentage of Total		14.3	28.6		28.6	14.3		14.3			
Chowan	32	2	4	5	5		6	1	4	5	
Percentage of Total		6.3	12.5	15.6	15.6		18.8	3.1	12.5	15.6	
Currituck	31		3	8	5	7	4	1	3		
Percentage of Total			9.7	25.8	16.1	22.6	12.9	3.2	9.7		
Dare	76	8	4	15	13	19	14	2	1		
Percentage of Total		10.5	5.3	19.7	17.1	25.0	18.4	2.6	1.3		
Gates	15		3	2	3	4	2			1	
Percentage of Total			20.0	13.3	20.0	26.7	13.3			6.7	
Pasquotank	53	4	3	10	14	14	8				
Percentage of Total		7.5	5.7	18.9	26.4	26.4	15.1				
Perquimans	13		2	1	5	5					
Percentage of Total			15.4	7.7	38.5	38.5					
District Totals	227	15	21	41	47	50	34	5	8	6	
Percentage of Total		6.6	9.3	18.1	20.7	22.0	15.0	2.2	3.5	2.6	
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>											
Beaufort	94	4	7	16	19	10	15	12	4	7	
Percentage of Total		4.3	7.4	17.0	20.2	10.6	16.0	12.8	4.3	7.4	
Hyde	13	1	1		10			1			
Percentage of Total		7.7	7.7		76.9			7.7			
Martin	27	3	5	5	4	5	3	1			1
Percentage of Total		11.1	18.5	18.5	14.8	18.5	11.1	3.7			3.7
Tyrrell	3		1	2							
Percentage of Total			33.3	66.7							
Washington	19			4	6	4	3	2			
Percentage of Total				21.1	31.6	21.1	15.8	10.5			
District Totals	156	8	14	27	39	19	21	16	4	7	1
Percentage of Total		5.1	9.0	17.3	25.0	12.2	13.5	10.3	2.6	4.5	0.6
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>											
Carteret	130	3	22	17	29	37	14	4	4		
Percentage of Total		2.3	16.9	13.1	22.3	28.5	10.8	3.1	3.1		
Craven	177	7	26	27	34	34	28	1	20		
Percentage of Total		4.0	14.7	15.3	19.2	19.2	15.8	0.6	11.3		
Pamlico	23	4	1	4	3	6	2	1	2		
Percentage of Total		17.4	4.3	17.4	13.0	26.1	8.7	4.3	8.7		
Pitt	153	11	22	28	32	29	18	7	6		
Percentage of Total		7.2	14.4	18.3	20.9	19.0	11.8	4.6	3.9		
District Totals	483	25	71	76	98	106	62	13	32		
Percentage of Total		5.2	14.7	15.7	20.3	21.9	12.8	2.7	6.6		
<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>											
Duplin	48	4	5	3	10	9	8	3	6		
Percentage of Total		8.3	10.4	6.3	20.8	18.8	16.7	6.3	12.5		
Jones	21	3	6	5	3	3	1				
Percentage of Total		14.3	28.6	23.8	14.3	14.3	4.8				
Onslow	111	6	15	13	26	30	12	5	1	3	
Percentage of Total		5.4	13.5	11.7	23.4	27.0	10.8	4.5	0.9	2.7	
Sampson	78	4	11	10	26	16	6	2	3		
Percentage of Total		5.1	14.1	12.8	33.3	20.5	7.7	2.6	3.8		
District Totals	258	17	37	31	65	58	27	10	10	3	
Percentage of Total		6.6	14.3	12.0	25.2	22.5	10.5	3.9	3.9	1.2	

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5TH DISTRICT

	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 6 Years	6 Years To 10 Years	10 Years To 20 Years	Greater Than 20 Years
New Hanover	228	14	35	30	45	58	34	7	4	1	
Percentage of Total		6.1	15.4	13.2	19.7	25.4	14.9	3.1	1.8	0.4	
Pender	40			4	6	11	9	4	6		
Percentage of Total				10.0	15.0	27.5	22.5	10.0	15.0		
District Totals	268	14	35	34	51	69	43	11	10	1	
Percentage of Total		5.2	13.1	12.7	19.0	25.7	16.0	4.1	3.7	0.4	

6TH DISTRICT

Bertie	50	3	6	2	8	9	10	1	7	4	
Percentage of Total		6.0	12.0	4.0	16.0	18.0	20.0	2.0	14.0	8.0	
Halifax	83	2	6	7	21	14	20	1	.9	3	
Percentage of Total		2.4	7.2	8.4	25.3	16.9	24.1	1.2	10.8	3.6	
Hertford	35	3	4	4	5	13	3		3		
Percentage of Total		8.6	11.4	11.4	14.3	37.1	8.6		8.6		
Northampton	46	3		8	8	12	8	1	6		
Percentage of Total		6.5		17.4	17.4	26.1	17.4	2.2	13.0		
District Totals	214	11	16	21	42	48	41	3	25	7	
Percentage of Total		5.1	7.5	9.8	19.6	22.4	19.2	1.4	11.7	3.3	

7TH DISTRICT

Edgecombe	75	4	8	6	22	17	14	4			
Percentage of Total		5.3	10.7	8.0	29.3	22.7	18.7	5.3			
Nash	196	8	17	32	29	35	49	19	6	1	
Percentage of Total		4.1	8.7	16.3	14.8	17.9	25.0	9.7	3.1	0.5	
Wilson	171	5	11	14	32	31	66	4	8		
Percentage of Total		2.9	6.4	8.2	18.7	18.1	38.6	2.3	4.7		
District Totals	442	17	36	52	83	83	129	27	14	1	
Percentage of Total		3.8	8.1	11.8	18.8	18.8	29.2	6.1	3.2	0.2	

8TH DISTRICT

Greene	19	1		2	3	7	4	2			
Percentage of Total		5.3		10.5	15.8	36.8	21.1	10.5			
Lenoir	158	6	18	18	44	31	23	5	6	6	1
Percentage of Total		3.8	11.4	11.4	27.8	19.6	14.6	3.2	3.8	3.8	0.6
Wayne	266	10	22	25	60	80	42	18	8	1	
Percentage of Total		3.8	8.3	9.4	22.6	30.1	15.8	6.8	3.0	0.4	
District Totals	443	17	40	45	107	118	69	25	14	7	1
Percentage of Total		3.8	9.0	10.2	24.2	26.6	15.6	5.6	3.2	1.6	0.2

9TH DISTRICT

Franklin	75	3	5	11	10	30	15	1			
Percentage of Total		4.0	6.7	14.7	13.3	40.0	20.0	1.3			
Granville	58	1	5	7	5	12	15	4	7	2	
Percentage of Total		1.7	8.6	12.1	8.6	20.7	25.9	6.9	12.1	3.4	
Person	46	1	11	9	12	10	2	1			
Percentage of Total		2.2	23.9	19.6	26.1	21.7	4.3	2.2			
Vance	122	1	8	12	12	27	22	18	22		
Percentage of Total		0.8	6.6	9.8	9.8	22.1	18.0	14.8	18.0		
Warren	55	1	7	2	2	7			36		
Percentage of Total		1.8	12.7	3.6	3.6	12.7			65.5		
District Totals	356	7	36	41	41	86	54	24	65	2	
Percentage of Total		2.0	10.1	11.5	11.5	24.2	15.2	6.7	18.3	0.6	

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<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 6 Years	6 Years To 10 Years	10 Years To 20 Years	Greater Than 20 Years
Wake	1353	63	139	148	296	443	228	31	5		
Percentage of Total		4.7	10.3	10.9	21.9	32.7	16.9	2.3	0.4		
District Totals	1353	63	139	148	296	443	228	31	5		
Percentage of Total		4.7	10.3	10.9	21.9	32.7	16.9	2.3	0.4		
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>											
Harnett	162	9	18	16	30	54	24	8	3		
Percentage of Total		5.6	11.1	9.9	18.5	33.3	14.8	4.9	1.9		
Johnston	140	8	6	24	32	35	32	3			
Percentage of Total		5.7	4.3	17.1	22.9	25.0	22.9	2.1			
Lee	101	3	5	11	11	19	36	8	8		
Percentage of Total		3.0	5.0	10.9	10.9	18.8	35.6	7.9	7.9		
District Totals	403	20	29	51	73	108	92	19	11		
Percentage of Total		5.0	7.2	12.7	18.1	26.8	22.8	4.7	2.7		
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cumberland	361	11	42	43	100	108	49	6	2		
Percentage of Total		3.0	11.6	11.9	27.7	29.9	13.6	1.7	0.6		
Hoke	8		2	2	3		1				
Percentage of Total			25.0	25.0	37.5		12.5				
District Totals	369	11	44	45	103	108	50	6	2		
Percentage of Total		3.0	11.9	12.2	27.9	29.3	13.6	1.6	0.5		
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bladen	27	1	4	3	10	8	1				
Percentage of Total		3.7	14.8	11.1	37.0	29.6	3.7				
Brunswick	143	5	18	22	23	38	20	14	2	1	
Percentage of Total		3.5	12.6	15.4	16.1	26.6	14.0	9.8	1.4	0.7	
Columbus	172	8	14	20	38	36	39	4	13		
Percentage of Total		4.7	8.1	11.6	22.1	20.9	22.7	2.3	7.6		
District Totals	342	14	36	45	71	82	60	18	15	1	
Percentage of Total		4.1	10.5	13.2	20.8	24.0	17.5	5.3	4.4	0.3	
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>											
Durham	952	34	74	87	191	188	217	84	4	73	
Percentage of Total		3.6	7.8	9.1	20.1	19.7	22.8	8.8	0.4	7.7	
District Totals	952	34	74	87	191	188	217	84	4	73	
Percentage of Total		3.6	7.8	9.1	20.1	19.7	22.8	8.8	0.4	7.7	
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>											
Alamance	162	9	15	22	56	41	11	4	2		2
Percentage of Total		5.6	9.3	13.6	34.6	25.3	6.8	2.5	1.2		1.2
Chatham	49	2	10	4	14	11	4	2	2		
Percentage of Total		4.1	20.4	8.2	28.6	22.4	8.2	4.1	4.1		
Orange	174	5	23	22	35	43	46				
Percentage of Total		2.9	13.2	12.6	20.1	24.7	26.4				
District Totals	385	16	48	48	105	95	61	6	4		2
Percentage of Total		4.2	12.5	12.5	27.3	24.7	15.8	1.6	1.0		0.5

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<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>											
Robeson	108	5	8	18	33	25	17	2			
Percentage of Total		4.6	7.4	16.7	30.6	23.1	15.7	1.9			
Scotland	22		4	2	5	9	1		1		
Percentage of Total			18.2	9.1	22.7	40.9	4.5		4.5		
District Totals	130	5	12	20	38	34	18	2	1		
Percentage of Total		3.8	9.2	15.4	29.2	26.2	13.8	1.5	0.8		
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>											
Caswell	9	1	3	1	1	2	1				
Percentage of Total		11.1	33.3	11.1	11.1	22.2	11.1				
Rockingham	131	6	15	32	45	28	4	1			
Percentage of Total		4.6	11.5	24.4	34.4	21.4	3.1	0.8			
Stokes	27		3	5	7	10	1	1			
Percentage of Total			11.1	18.5	25.9	37.0	3.7	3.7			
Surry	103	5	15	16	30	27	7	2		1	
Percentage of Total		4.9	14.6	15.5	29.1	26.2	6.8	1.9		1.0	
District Totals	270	12	36	54	83	67	13	4		1	
Percentage of Total		4.4	13.3	20.0	30.7	24.8	4.8	1.5		0.4	
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>											
Guilford	816	39	67	106	154	269	144	30	3	4	
Percentage of Total		4.8	8.2	13.0	18.9	33.0	17.6	3.7	0.4	0.5	
High Point	267	8	28	18	59	81	41	24	7	1	
Percentage of Total		3.0	10.5	6.7	22.1	30.3	15.4	9.0	2.6	0.4	
District Totals	1083	47	95	124	213	350	185	54	10	5	
Percentage of Total		4.3	8.8	1.4	19.7	32.3	17.1	5.0	0.9	0.5	
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cabarrus	141	3	14	15	32	54	19	4			
Percentage of Total		2.1	9.9	10.6	22.7	38.3	13.5	2.8			
Montgomery	17	1	1	3	3	5	4				
Percentage of Total		5.9	5.9	17.6	17.6	29.4	23.5				
Randolph	123	8	20	14	25	45	5	4	2		
Percentage of Total		6.5	16.3	11.4	20.3	36.6	4.1	3.3	1.6		
Rowan	81	8	12	22	18	14	5	2			
Percentage of Total		9.9	14.8	27.2	22.2	17.3	6.2	2.5			
District Totals	362	20	47	54	78	118	33	10	2		
Percentage of Total		5.5	13.0	14.9	21.5	32.6	9.1	2.8	0.6		
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>											
Anson	69	2	18	9	19	15	5	1			
Percentage of Total		2.9	26.1	13.0	27.5	21.7	7.2	1.4			
Moore	76	3	10	12	19	20	9	1	2		
Percentage of Total		3.9	13.2	15.8	25.0	26.3	11.8	1.3	2.6		
Richmond	62	2	5	14	19	17	4		1		
Percentage of Total		3.2	8.1	22.6	30.6	27.4	6.5		1.6		
Stanly	56	6	7	6	12	13	11	1			
Percentage of Total		10.7	12.5	10.7	21.4	23.2	19.6	1.8			
Union	106	4	19	20	24	26	11	2			
Percentage of Total		3.8	17.9	18.9	22.6	24.5	10.4	1.9			
District Totals	369	17	59	61	93	91	40	5	3		
Percentage of Total		4.6	16.0	16.5	25.2	24.7	10.8	1.4	0.8		

AGES OF CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS, DECEMBER 31, 1976

<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 6 Years	6 Years To 10 Years	10 Years To 20 Years	Greater Than 20 Years
Forsyth	716	43	90	89	163	192	102	20	16		1
Percentage of Total		6.0	12.6	12.4	22.8	26.8	14.2	2.8	2.2		0.1
District Totals	716	43	90	89	163	192	102	20	16		1
Percentage of Total		6.0	12.6	12.4	22.8	26.8	14.2	2.8	2.2		0.1
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>											
Alexander	19	2	2	3	7	1	4				
Percentage of Total		10.5	10.5	15.8	36.8	5.3	21.1				
Davidson	171	3	21	24	51	41	15	5	11		
Percentage of Total		1.8	12.3	14.0	29.8	24.0	8.8	2.9	6.4		
Davie	20		4	5	2	7	1		1		
Percentage of Total			20.0	25.0	10.0	35.0	5.0		5.0		
Iredell	113	10	19	20	27	23	14				
Percentage of Total		8.8	16.8	17.7	23.9	20.4	12.4				
District Totals	323	15	46	52	87	72	34	5	12		
Percentage of Total		4.6	14.2	16.1	26.9	22.3	10.5	1.5	3.7		
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>											
Alleghany	19	1	6	2	6	2	2				
Percentage of Total		5.3	31.6	10.5	31.6	10.5	10.5				
Ashe	13		2	1	8	1	1				
Percentage of Total			15.4	7.7	61.5	7.7	7.7				
Wilkes	82	4	11	23	25	18	1				
Percentage of Total		4.9	13.4	28.0	30.5	22.0	1.2				
Yadkin	48	2	8	11	15	7	3	1		1	
Percentage of Total		4.2	16.7	22.9	31.3	14.6	6.3	2.1		2.1	
District Totals	162	7	27	37	54	28	7	1		1	
Percentage of Total		4.3	16.7	22.8	33.3	17.3	4.3	0.6		0.6	
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>											
Avery	37	3	10	2	13	4	5				
Percentage of Total		8.1	27.0	5.4	35.1	10.8	13.5				
Madison	26	4	1	5	5	10	1				
Percentage of Total		15.4	3.8	19.2	19.2	38.5	3.8				
Mitchell	39	2	3	4	3	20	7				
Percentage of Total		5.1	7.7	10.3	7.7	51.3	17.9				
Watauga	77	10	32	6	10	13	4	2			
Percentage of Total		13.0	41.6	7.8	13.0	16.9	5.2	2.6			
Yancey	10		2	2	4	2					
Percentage of Total			20.0	20.0	40.0	20.0					
District Totals	189	19	48	19	35	49	17	2			
Percentage of Total		10.1	25.4	10.1	18.5	25.9	9.0	1.1			
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>											
Burke	190	22	90	26	33	15	4				
Percentage of Total		11.6	47.4	13.7	17.4	7.9	2.1				
Caldwell	176	9	16	33	39	39	37	2		1	
Percentage of Total		5.1	9.1	18.8	22.2	22.2	21.0	1.1		0.6	
Catawba	213	9	24	27	49	68	33	3			
Percentage of Total		4.2	11.3	12.7	23.0	31.9	15.5	1.4			
District Totals	579	40	130	86	121	122	74	5		1	
Percentage of Total		6.9	22.5	14.9	20.9	21.1	12.8	0.9		0.2	

AGES OF CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS, DECEMBER 31, 1976

26TH DISTRICT

	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 6 Years	6 Years To 10 Years	10 Years To 20 Years	Greater Than 20 Years
Mecklenburg	1876	117	227	286	480	498	198	42	25	3	
Percentage of Total		6.2	12.1	15.2	25.6	10.6	2.2	1.3	0.2		
District Totals	1876	117	227	286	480	498	198	42	25	3	
Percentage of Total		6.2	12.1	15.2	25.6	26.5	10.6	2.2	1.3	0.2	

27TH DISTRICT

Cleveland	96	8	12	16	35	17	8				
Percentage of Total		8.3	12.5	16.7	36.5	17.7	8.3				
Gaston	384	23	47	61	106	103	36	4	4		
Percentage of Total		6.0	12.2	15.9	27.6	6.8	9.4	1.0	1.0		
Lincoln	43	2	10	12	16	2		1			
Percentage of Total		4.7	23.3	27.9	37.2	4.7		2.3			
District Totals	523	33	69	89	157	122	44	5	4		
Percentage of Total		6.3	13.2	17.0	30.0	23.3	8.4	1.0	0.8		

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	597	35	54	82	150	215	58	2	1		
Percentage of Total		5.9	9.0	13.7	25.1	36.0	9.7	0.3	0.2		
District Totals	597	35	54	82	150	215	58	2	1		
Percentage of Total		5.9	9.0	13.7	25.1	36.0	9.7	0.3	0.2		

29TH DISTRICT

Henderson	207	9	41	32	36	61	13	2		12	1
Percentage of Total		4.3	19.8	15.5	17.4	29.5	6.3	1.0		5.8	0.5
McDowell	41	4	2	11	8	12	4				
Percentage of Total		9.8	4.9	26.8	19.5	29.3	9.8				
Polk	23		3	3	3	5	3		6		
Percentage of Total			13.0	13.0	13.0	21.7	13.0		26.1		
Rutherford	80	5	11	10	24	25	4	1			
Percentage of Total		6.3	13.8	12.5	30.0	31.3	5.0	1.3			
Transylvania	48	6	8	9	13	8	4				
Percentage of Total		12.5	16.7	18.8	27.1	16.7	8.3				
District Totals	399	24	65	65	84	111	28	3	6	12	1
Percentage of Total		6.0	16.3	16.3	21.1	27.8	7.0	0.8	1.5	3.0	0.3

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	52	4	1	4	11	27	4		1		
Percentage of Total		7.7	1.9	7.7	21.2	51.9	7.7		1.9		
Clay	3				1	1	1				
Percentage of Total					33.3	33.3	33.3				
Graham	15			1	5	3	3	3			
Percentage of Total				6.7	33.3	20.0	20.0	20.0			
Haywood	106	7	11	25	23	22	13	3	2		
Percentage of Total		6.6	10.4	23.6	21.7	20.8	12.3	2.8	1.9		
Jackson	121	11	3	25	27	28	21	5	1		
Percentage of Total		9.1	2.5	20.7	22.3	23.1	17.4	4.1	0.8		
Macon	90	6	7	19	15	14	24	4	1		
Percentage of Total		6.7	7.8	21.1	16.7	15.6	26.7	4.4	1.1		
Swain	37	5	4	1	2	6	7	7	5		
Percentage of Total		13.5	10.8	2.7	5.4	16.2	18.9	18.9	13.5		
District Totals	424	33	26	75	84	101	73	22	10		
Percentage of Total		7.8	6.1	17.7	19.8	23.8	17.2	5.2	2.4		

STATE TOTALS	14653	756	1707	1985	3332	3831	2112	480	313	131	6
Percentage of Total		5.2	11.6	13.5	22.7	26.1	14.4	3.3	2.1	0.9	

UTILIZATION OF CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1976 Calendar Year

<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Camden	5	2	3	40.0
Chowan	10	10	0	100.0
Currituck	10	3	7	30.0
Dare	15	10	5	66.6
Gates	5	1	4	20.0
Pasquotank	30	19 ½	10 ½	65.0
Perquimans	15	5	10	33.3
TOTAL	90	50 ½	39 ½	56.1

2ND DISTRICT

Beaufort	35	19	16	54.2
Hyde	4	2	2	50.0
Martin	20	8	12	40.0
Tyrrell	0	0	0	00.0
Washington	2	2	0	100.0
TOTAL	61	31	30	50.8

3RD DISTRICT

Carteret	22	12	10	54.5
Craven	55	36	19	65.4
Pamlico	10	8 ½	1 ½	85.0
Pitt	52	39 ½	12 ½	75.9
TOTAL	139	96	43	69.0

4TH DISTRICT

Duplin	25	12 ½	12 ½	50.0
Jones	10	4	6	40.0
Onslow	45	27	18	60.0
Sampson	15	10	5	66.6
TOTAL	95	53 ½	41 ½	56.3

5TH DISTRICT

New Hanover	70	59 ½	10 ½	85.0
Pender	10	2 ½	7 ½	25.0
TOTAL	80	62	18	77.5

6TH DISTRICT

Bertie	8	5	3	62.5
Halifax	10	5	5	50.0
Hertford	15	3 ½	11 ½	23.3
Northampton	12	3	9	25.0
TOTAL	45	16 ½	28 ½	36.6

7TH DISTRICT

Edgecombe	40	18 ½	21 ½	46.2
Nash	50	25	25	50.0
Wilson	40	25	15	62.5
TOTAL	130	68 ½	61 ½	52.6

<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Greene	10	8	2	80.0
Lenoir	40	21 ½	18 ½	53.7
Wayne	55	47	8	85.4
TOTAL	105	76 ½	28 ½	72.8

9TH DISTRICT

Franklin	15	8	7	53.3
Granville	15	6 ½	8 ½	43.3
Person	10	5	5	50.0
Vance	20	11 ½	8 ½	57.5
Warren	15	3 ½	11 ½	23.3
TOTAL	75	34 ½	40 ½	46.0

10TH DISTRICT

Wake	210	165 ½	44 ½	78.8
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11TH DISTRICT

Harnett	55	37	18	67.2
Johnston	50	45	5	90.0
Lee	30	26 ½	3 ½	88.3
TOTAL	135	108 ½	26 ½	80.3

12TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	50	38	12	76.0
Hoke	5	1	4	20.0
TOTAL	55	39	16	70.9

13TH DISTRICT

Bladen	16	11 ½	4 ½	71.8
Brunswick	10	7 ½	2 ½	75.0
Columbus	35	26 ½	8 ½	75.7
TOTAL	61	45 ½	15 ½	74.5

14TH DISTRICT

Durham	133	114 ½	18 ½	86.0
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15TH DISTRICT

Alamance	85	64 ½	20 ½	75.8
Chatham	20	15 ½	4 ½	77.5
Orange	50	39	11	78.0
TOTAL	155	119	36	76.7

16TH DISTRICT

Robeson	58	38	20	65.5
Scotland	15	4 ½	10 ½	30.0
TOTAL	73	42 ½	30 ½	58.2

UTILIZATION OF CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1976 Calendar Year

<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Caswell	10	6 ½	3 ½	65.0
Rockingham	50	34 ½	15 ½	69.0
Stokes	20	10 ½	9 ½	52.5
Surry	35	20	15	57.1
TOTAL	115	71 ½	43 ½	62.1

<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>				
Guilford	252	211 ½	40 ½	83.9

<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cabarrus	55	45 ½	9 ½	82.7
Montgomery	10	9	1	90.0
Randolph	60	50 ½	9 ½	84.1
Rowan	65	52	13	80.0
TOTAL	190	157	33	82.6

<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>				
Anson	20	15	5	75.0
Moore	25	17 ½	7 ½	70.0
Richmond	30	20	10	66.6
Stanly	15	8	7	53.3
Union	45	27 ½	17 ½	61.1
TOTAL	135	88	47	65.1

<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>				
Forsyth	210	168	42	80.0

<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>				
Alexander	15	6	9	40.0
Davidson	55	43 ½	11 ½	79.0
Davie	10	6	4	60.0
Iredell	50	31 ½	18 ½	63.0
TOTAL	130	87	43	66.9

<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>				
Alleghany	10	8 ½	1 ½	85.0
Ashe	12	7	5	58.3
Wilkes	50	33 ½	16 ½	67.0
Yadkin	17	11	6	64.7
TOTAL	89	60	29	67.4

<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Avery	15	7 ½	7 ½	50.0
Madison	50	28	22	56.0
Mitchell	15	10 ½	4 ½	70.0
Watauga	10	9	1	90.0
Yancey	12	7	5	58.3
TOTAL	102	62	40	60.7

<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>				
Burke	25	24	1	96.0
Caldwell	60	52	8	86.6
Catawba	50	38 ½	11 ½	77.0
TOTAL	135	114 ½	20 ½	84.8

<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>				
Mecklenburg	440 ½	384	56 ½	87.1

<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cleveland	50	28 ½	21 ½	57.5
Gaston	102	80	22	78.4
Lincoln	25	17	8	68.0
TOTAL	177	125 ½	51 ½	70.9

<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>				
Buncombe	237	193	44	81.4

<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>				
Henderson	30	18	12	60.0
McDowell	25	19	6	76.0
Polk	0	0	0	00.0
Rutherford	30	19	11	63.3
Transylvania	15	8	7	53.3
TOTAL	100	64	36	64.0

<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cherokee	9	7 ½	1 ½	83.3
Clay	4	1 ½	2 ½	37.5
Graham	9	7	2	77.7
Haywood	20	13	7	65.0
Jackson	45	29	16	64.4
Macon	21	9 ½	11 ½	45.2
Swain	9	5 ½	3 ½	61.1
TOTAL	117	73	44	62.3

STATE TOTALS	4071 ½	2982 ½	1089	73.2
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SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

In the graphs which follow, criminal case activity in the superior courts during 1976 is compared with criminal case activity during the preceding four years. There was a small decrease in criminal case filings in 1976 — 52,547 as compared with 53,505 in 1975. (This is not viewed as indicative of any long range trend toward decreasing numbers of criminal cases filed in the superior courts. On the contrary, the long range trend is expected to show, as over the past several years, modest annual increases in the numbers of criminal cases filed.) There was also a decrease in the number of criminal case dispositions — 49,398 in 1976 as compared with 52,551 in 1975. The number of criminal cases pending at the end of 1976 was 18,431 as compared with 15,282 pending at the end of 1975, an increase of 20.61%.

Tables are presented which show the distribution of pending criminal cases among the counties, the ten counties with the largest number of criminal cases pending at the end of 1976, and the ten counties with the highest and the ten counties with the lowest ratios of criminal case dispositions to total caseloads.

Data is then shown, by judicial districts and by counties, on: (1) criminal cases pending, filed and disposed of in 1976; (2) ages of felony cases pending in the superior courts as of December 31, 1976; (3) ages of misdemeanor cases pending in the superior courts as of December 31, 1976; and (4) utilization of criminal superior court terms.

It is of interest to note that 23,537 misdemeanor cases tried in the district courts were appealed to the superior courts for trial *de novo*. This was 6.5% of the total number of criminal cases (361,878) tried in the district courts, excluding those cases disposed of by waiver, preliminary hearing, dismissal or otherwise. A total of 52,547 criminal cases were filed in superior courts. Thus, the 23,537 cases appealed from district courts constituted 44.79% of the total number of criminal cases filed in superior courts during 1976.

Unlike the situation pertaining to civil cases, there is express legislative policy on speedy trials of criminal cases (G.S. 15A-701 *et. seq.*). The present statutes, enacted in 1973, authorize a judge in his discretion to enter an order directing that a defendant be tried within not less than 30 days if (1) the defendant has been confined for a period greater than 60 days; or (2) the defendant has been confined for at least 30 days and files a petition requesting a prompt trial; or (3) the defendant has been awaiting trial, without confinement, for a period greater than 90 days; or (4) the defendant has been awaiting trial, without confinement, for more than 60 days and files a petition requesting a prompt trial. Under the statutes, the judge is authorized to provide that if the defendant is not brought to trial within the time specified in his order, the defendant must be released on his own recognizance or the charges dismissed.

In summary, the present statutes endorse but do *not* mandate these time standards: a defendant who is confined is entitled to a trial within 60 to 90 days; and a defendant awaiting trial who is not confined is entitled to a trial within 90 to 120 days. No distinction is made between the trial of a misdemeanor and the trial of a felony, or between cases in the superior courts and those in the district courts.

The statutes on speedy trial of criminal cases were rewritten by the 1977 Session of the General Assembly, with the revision to become effective *October 1, 1978*. (See Chapter 787, 1977 Session Laws.) A two-stage progression of time standards is spelled out in Chapter 787. The first stage is for the period, October 1, 1978 to October 1, 1980; and the second stage is for the period on and after October 1, 1980.

Beginning October 1, 1978, a criminal case *shall* be tried within 120 days: after the defendant is arrested, served with criminal process, waives indictment or receives notice of an indictment; after giving notice of appeal in a misdemeanor case for trial *de novo* in the superior court; after a mistrial has been declared; or after a decision on an appeal ordering a retrial. Certain periods of delay are excluded, such as time required for physical or mental examination of a defendant; other trials involving the defendant; interlocutory appeals; hearings on motions; delay caused by the defendant; delay agreed to by defendant and the prosecutor; or delay by reason of a continuance granted by a trial judge for good cause. If a defendant is not brought to trial within the time limits specified by statute or otherwise prescribed by a trial judge, the charge *shall* be dismissed on motion of the defendant.

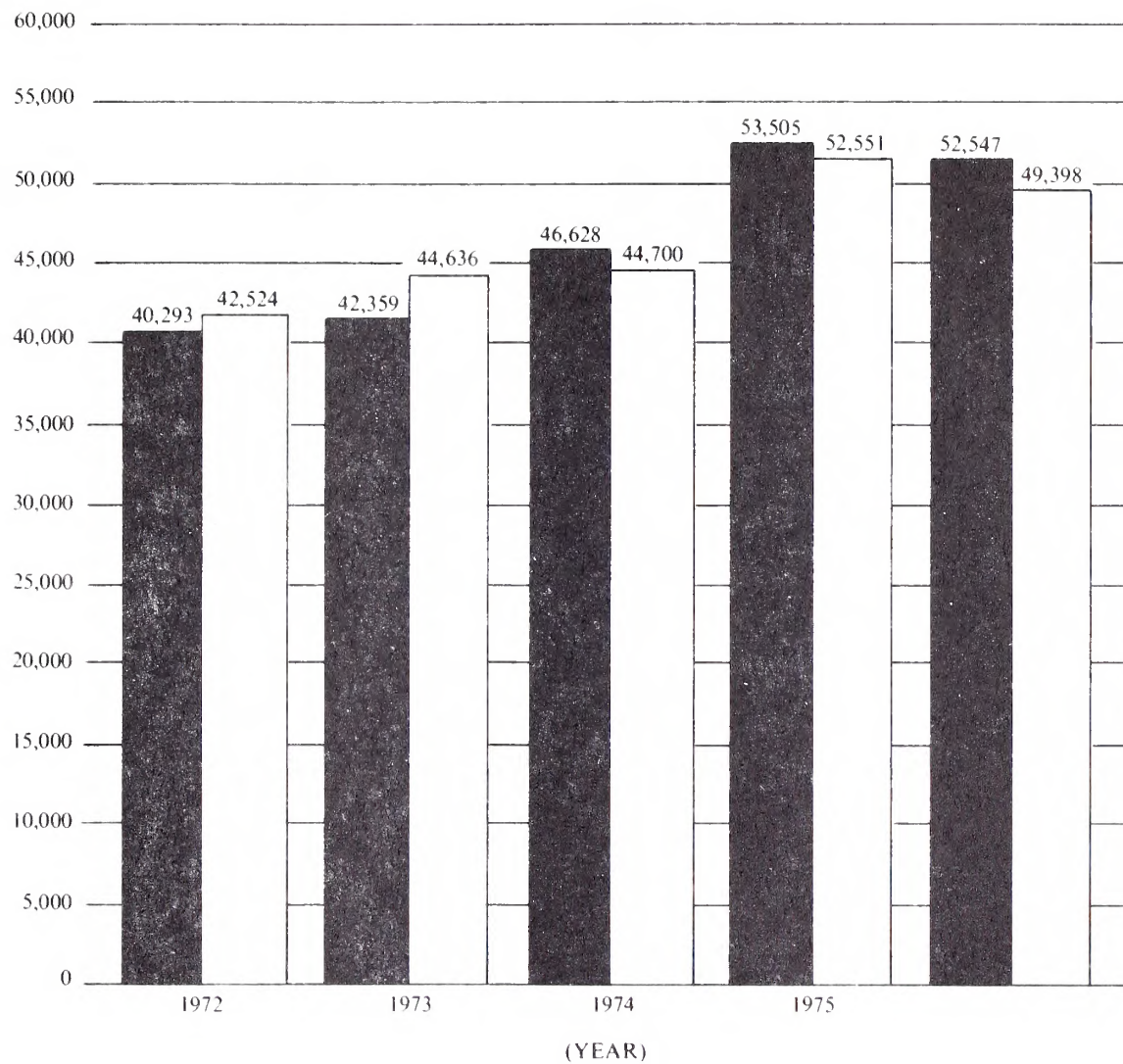
The same general provisions apply on and after October 1, 1980 except that the time periods are reduced from 120 to 90 days and 60 days. The 60-day standard will apply only to a new trial following declaration of a mistrial or a new trial following a decision on appeal which orders a new trial for the defendant.

The tables on ages of criminal cases pending in the superior courts show that as of December 31, 1976, approximately 30% of the misdemeanor cases and approximately 36% of the felony cases had been pending for more than six months, with about 12% of the misdemeanors and 18% of the felonies pending for more than a year. One might speculate that by the time the mandatory standards under Chapter 787, 1977 Session Laws, become effective on October 1, 1978, there will be some significant reduction in the number of criminal cases pending for more than six months.

CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)

NO. OF CASES



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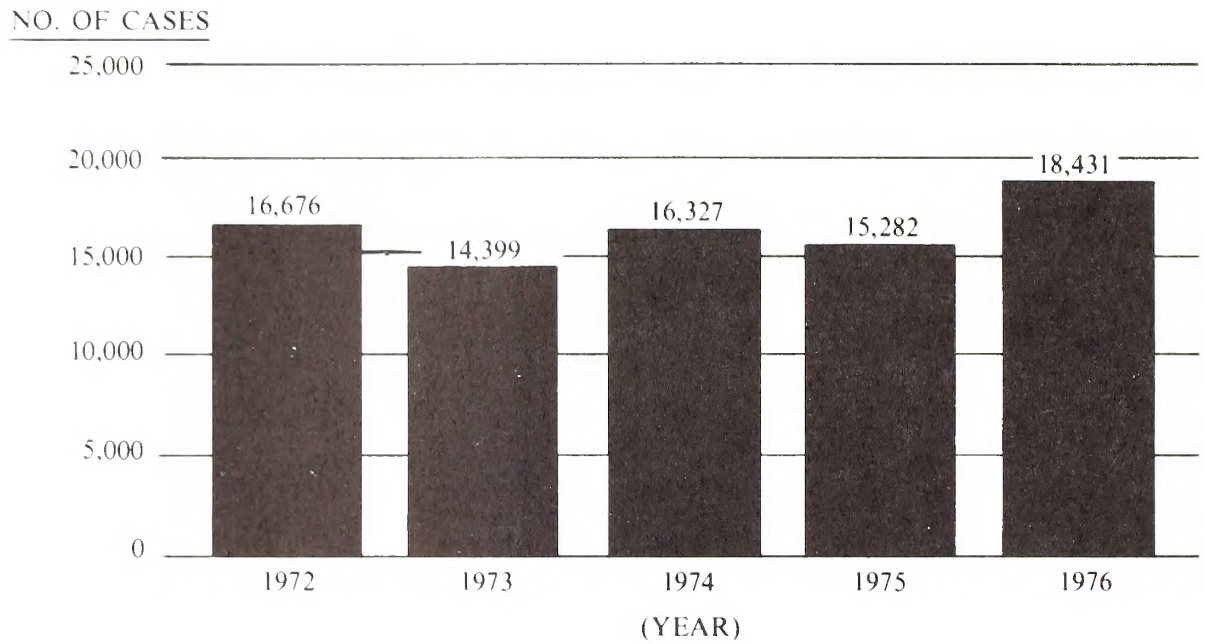


DISPOSED OF:



CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)



**DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES
AMONG THE COUNTIES**

(Superior Courts)

Number of Cases	Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
Number of Counties & Year: 1972	28	23	27	15	7
1973	27	27	26	16	4
1974	25	27	23	18	7
1975	23	23	31	15	8
1976	23	18	31	20	8

**TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS
PENDING AT YEAR END**

County	Pending 1/1/76	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/76	Relation (%) of Disposi- tions to Filings
*Mecklenburg	1,896	3,345	3,118	2,123	93.2
*Guilford	876	2,610	2,411	1,075	92.4
*Wake	901	2,326	2,540	687	109.2
*Cumberland	220	2,158	1,718	660	79.6
*Catawba	209	1,107	726	590	65.6
Randolph	275	748	467	556	62.4
Rockingham	131	1,404	1,022	513	72.8
*Cabarrus	275	1,029	798	506	77.6
*Alamance	431	786	804	413	102.3
*Robeson	290	1,019	902	407	88.5
STATE MEAN	153	525	494	184	94.1

*Counties that were listed in this table in the 1975 Annual Report.

**PERCENT OF CRIMINAL CASES TRIED IN THE DISTRICT COURT WHICH WERE
APPEALED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR TRIAL DE NOVO**

Total number of cases tried in the District Court	361,878
(Includes only cases actually tried; excludes cases disposed of by waiver, preliminary hearing, dismissal or otherwise.)	
Total number of cases appealed from the District Court for trial <i>de novo</i> in the Superior Court	23,537
Percent of cases tried in the District Court which were appealed to the Superior Court for trial <i>de novo</i>	6.5%

**PERCENT OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL FILINGS WHICH ARE CASES
APPEALED FROM THE DISTRICT COURT FOR TRIAL DE NOVO**

Total number of cases filed in Superior Court within its original jurisdiction	29,010
Total number of cases filed in Superior Court upon appeal from District Court for trial <i>de novo</i>	23,537
Total number of cases filed in Superior Court	52,547
Percent of Superior Court Filings consisting of cases appealed from District Court for trial <i>de novo</i>	44.79%

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST RATIOS OF DISPOSITIONS
TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
New Hanover	2,596	2,300	88.6
Hoke	289	2,560	88.6
Forsyth	2,546	2,251	88.4
Durham	1,687	1,471	87.2
Gaston	1,283	1,112	86.7
Lee	307	263	85.7
Chowan	362	309	85.4
Buncombe	1,509	1,284	85.1
Washington	181	153	84.5
Greene	218	184	84.4
STATE MEAN	678	494	72.8

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH LOWEST RATIOS OF DISPOSITIONS
TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Mitchell	76	33	43.4
Hyde	45	20	44.4
Randolph	1,023	467	45.7
Chatham	246	115	46.7
Person	584	282	48.3
Granville	1,361	236	50.3
Catawba	1,361	726	53.3
Stokes	345	190	55.1
Martin	272	150	55.1
Yadkin	237	133	56.1
STATE MEAN	678	494	72.8

**CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>	CASES FILED, 1976					CASES DISPOSED OF, 1976				Pending 12/31/76	Increase/ Decrease in Pending Cases
	Pending 1/1/76	Misde- meanors	Felonies	Total Cases Filed	Total Caseload	Jury	Plea	Other	Total Dispo- sitions		
Camden	29	72	22	94	123	10	63	13	86	37	+ 8
Chowan	89	193	80	273	362	20	169	120	309	53	- 36
Currituck	47	92	39	131	178	12	107	20	139	39	- 8
Dare	26	281	42	323	349	17	146	111	274	75	+ 49
Gates	33	50	5	55	88	2	56	15	73	15	- 18
Pasquotank	83	371	89	460	543	36	170	206	412	131	+ 48
Perquimans	29	106	22	128	157	12	65	48	125	32	+ 3
TOTAL	336	1165	299	1464	1800	109	776	533	1418	382	+ 46
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>											
Beaufort	100	152	223	375	475	66	196	93	355	120	+ 20
Hyde	9	27	9	36	45	10	2	8	20	25	+ 16
Martin	46	79	147	226	272	33	80	37	150	122	+ 76
Tyrrell	17	28	0	28	45	3	16	10	29	16	- 1
Washington	61	70	50	120	181	28	89	36	153	28	- 33
TOTAL	233	356	429	785	1018	140	383	184	707	311	+ 78
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>											
Carteret	97	311	297	608	705	34	188	327	549	156	+ 59
Craven	136	351	370	721	857	73	243	360	676	181	+ 45
Pamlico	43	43	83	126	169	8	65	35	108	61	+ 18
Pitt	166	391	662	1053	1219	108	518	356	982	237	+ 71
TOTAL	442	1096	1412	2508	2950	223	1014	1078	2315	635	+ 193
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>											
Duplin	18	98	246	344	362	17	178	104	299	63	+ 45
Jones	1	12	13	25	26	6	8	12	26	0	- 1
Onslow	31	242	748	990	1021	97	360	404	861	160	+ 129
Sampson	45	151	240	391	436	39	198	116	353	83	+ 38
TOTAL	95	503	1247	1750	1845	159	744	636	1539	306	+ 211
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>											
New Hanover	548	597	1451	2048	2596	187	968	1145	2300	296	- 252
Pender	57	90	115	205	262	6	120	56	182	80	+ 23
TOTAL	605	687	1566	2253	2858	193	1088	1201	2482	376	- 229
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bertie	144	35	32	67	211	58	65	50	173	38	- 106
Halifax	127	196	200	396	523	13	158	249	420	103	- 24
Hertford	43	63	81	144	187	30	44	49	123	64	+ 21
Northampton	19	44	39	83	102	7	35	37	79	23	+ 4
TOTAL	333	338	352	690	1023	108	302	385	795	228	- 105
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>											
Edgecombe	118	376	328	704	822	33	471	182	686	136	+ 18
Nash	182	405	366	771	953	26	538	195	759	194	+ 12
Wilson	87	427	374	801	888	29	333	275	637	251	+ 164
TOTAL	387	1208	1068	2276	2663	88	1342	652	2082	581	+ 194

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<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>	CASES FILED, 1976					CASES DISPOSED OF, 1976				Pending 12/31/76	Increase/ Decrease in Pending Cases
	Pending 1/1/76	Misde- meanors	Felonies	Total Cases Filed	Total Caseload	Jury	Plea	Other	Total Dispo- sitions		
Greene	13	125	80	205	218	7	89	88	184	34	+ 21
Lenoir	132	452	319	771	903	62	317	377	756	147	+ 15
Wayne	162	255	371	626	788	77	225	330	632	156	- 6
TOTAL	307	832	770	1602	1909	146	631	795	1572	337	+ 30
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>											
Franklin	302	390	65	455	757	15	305	161	481	276	- 26
Granville	191	177	101	278	469	12	106	118	236	233	+ 42
Person	120	277	187	464	584	29	124	129	282	302	+ 182
Vance	395	186	262	448	843	19	191	379	589	254	- 141
Warren	78	104	127	231	309	9	106	92	207	102	+ 24
TOTAL	1086	1134	742	1876	2962	84	832	879	1795	1167	+ 81
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>											
Wake	901	1087	1239	2326	3227	227	1175	1138	2540	687	- 214
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>											
Harnett	105	48	205	253	358	26	139	115	280	78	- 27
Johnston	72	134	344	478	550	39	193	206	438	112	+ 40
Lee	18	96	193	289	307	20	104	139	263	44	+ 26
TOTAL	195	278	742	1020	1215	85	436	460	981	234	+ 39
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cumberland	220	608	1550	2158	2378	112	522	1084	1718	660	+ 440
Hoke	137	96	56	152	289	14	122	120	256	33	- 104
TOTAL	357	704	1606	2310	2667	126	644	1204	1974	693	+ 336
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bladen	131	110	47	157	288	6	103	85	194	94	- 37
Brunswick	119	119	123	242	361	34	95	141	270	91	- 28
Columbus	243	196	324	520	763	59	190	234	483	280	+ 37
TOTAL	493	425	494	919	1412	99	388	460	947	465	- 28
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>											
Durham	219	298	1170	1468	1687	175	763	533	1471	216	- 3
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>											
Alamance	431	294	492	786	1217	67	241	496	804	413	- 18
Chatham	112	66	68	134	246	10	29	76	115	131	+ 19
Orange	200	116	521	637	837	9	184	391	584	253	+ 53
TOTAL	743	476	1081	1557	2300	86	454	963	1503	797	+ 54
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>											
Robeson	290	307	712	1019	1309	81	586	235	902	407	+ 117
Scotland	306	59	168	227	533	23	257	88	368	165	- 141
TOTAL	596	366	880	1246	1842	104	843	323	1270	572	- 24

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	Pending 1/1/76	Misde- meanors	Felonies	Total Cases Filed	Total Caseload	Jury	Plea	Other	Total Dispo- sitions	Pending 12/31/76	
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>											
Caswell	12	86	55	141	153	4	91	11	106	47	+ 35
Rockingham	131	880	524	1404	1535	32	691	299	1022	513	+ 382
Stokes	149	101	95	196	345	35	148	7	190	155	+ 6
Surry	88	515	274	789	877	9	471	154	634	243	+ 155
TOTAL	380	1582	948	2530	2910	80	1401	471	1952	958	+ 578
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>											
Guilford											
Greensboro	617	669	1214	1883	2500	139	896	770	1805	695	+ 78
High Point	259	298	429	727	986	52	326	228	606	380	+ 121
TOTAL	876	967	1643	2610	3486	191	1222	998	2411	1075	+ 199
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cabarrus	275	566	463	1029	1304	40	411	347	798	506	+ 231
Montgomery	93	172	168	340	433	15	197	95	307	126	+ 33
Randolph	275	462	286	748	1023	49	236	182	467	556	+ 281
Rowan	164	465	458	923	1087	52	408	246	706	381	+ 217
TOTAL	807	1665	1375	3040	3847	156	1252	870	2278	1569	+ 762
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>											
Anson	33	112	184	296	329	11	99	129	239	90	+ 57
Moore	165	190	342	532	697	30	265	268	563	134	- 31
Richmond	79	268	263	531	610	22	269	175	466	144	+ 65
Stanly	148	156	199	355	503	29	205	106	340	163	+ 15
Union	158	228	241	469	627	28	254	242	524	103	- 55
TOTAL	583	954	1229	2183	2766	120	1092	920	2132	634	+ 51
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>											
Forsyth	475	1043	1028	2071	2546	177	1427	647	2251	295	- 180
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>											
Alexander	30	306	52	358	388	6	128	184	318	70	+ 40
Davidson	78	474	199	673	751	17	359	176	552	199	+ 121
Davie	54	170	18	188	242	12	96	64	172	70	+ 16
Iredell	49	477	235	712	761	41	263	272	576	185	+ 136
TOTAL	211	1427	504	1931	2142	76	846	696	1618	524	+ 313
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>											
Alleghany	33	19	22	41	74	3	26	18	47	27	- 6
Ashe	37	76	70	146	183	10	104	32	146	37
Wilkes	144	161	183	344	488	24	121	159	304	184	+ 40
Yadkin	20	88	129	217	237	8	78	47	133	104	+ 84
TOTAL	234	344	404	748	982	45	329	256	630	352	+ 118
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>											
Avery	55	43	83	126	181	21	27	75	123	58	+ 3
Madison	22	48	50	98	120	18	20	36	74	46	+ 24
Mitchell	47	23	6	29	76	10	6	17	33	43	+ 4
Watauga	68	28	184	212	280	10	101	116	227	53	- 15
Yancey	11	7	20	27	38	6	17	8	31	7	- 4
TOTAL	203	149	343	492	695	65	171	252	488	207	+ 4

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<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>												
Burke	67	223	235	458	525	31	144	155	330	195	+ 128	
Caldwell	160	286	215	501	661	63	242	190	495	166	+ 6	
Catawba	209	372	735	1107	1361	59	457	210	726	590	+ 381	
TOTAL	436	881	1185	2066	2502	153	843	555	1551	951	+ 515	
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>												
Mecklenburg	1896	1463	1882	3345	5241	216	1482	1420	3118	2123	+ 227	
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>												
Cleveland	192	195	394	589	781	42	315	246	603	178	- 14	
Gaston	53	352	878	1230	1283	128	535	449	1112	171	+ 118	
Lincoln	38	64	191	255	293	28	124	71	223	70	+ 32	
TOTAL	283	611	1463	2074	2357	198	974	766	1938	419	+ 136	
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>												
Buncombe	371	560	578	1138	1509	56	552	676	1284	225	- 146	
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>												
Henderson	88	193	190	383	471	21	130	128	279	192	+ 104	
McDowell	90	175	192	367	457	66	113	176	355	102	+ 12	
Polk	19	36	75	111	130	0	46	40	86	44	+ 25	
Rutherford	259	195	279	474	733	65	154	207	426	307	+ 48	
Transylvania	71	28	115	143	214	17	69	77	163	51	- 20	
TOTAL	527	627	851	1478	2005	169	512	628	1309	696	+ 169	
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>												
Cherokee	96	48	28	76	172	1	38	86	125	47	- 49	
Clay	8	8	25	33	41	2	24	5	31	10	+ 2	
Graham	24	17	41	58	82	0	39	18	57	25	+ 1	
Haywood	344	119	172	291	635	22	234	226	482	153	- 191	
Jackson	123	47	74	121	244	10	63	75	148	96	- 27	
Macon	15	51	46	97	112	5	38	46	89	23	+ 8	
Swain	62	21	94	115	177	5	66	44	115	62	
TOTAL	672	311	480	791	1463	45	502	500	1047	416	- 256	
GRAND TOTAL	15282	23537	29010	52547	67829	3899	24420	21079	49398	18431	+ 3149	

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<i><u>1ST DISTRICT</u></i>											
Camden	5		3			1	1				
Percentage of Total			60.0			20.0	20.0				
Chowan	18				14	4					
Percentage of Total					77.8	22.2					
Currituck	8	2			2	3					1
Percentage of Total		25.0			25.0	37.5					12.5
Dare	13		3	2	4	3	1				
Percentage of Total			23.1	15.4	30.8	23.1	7.7				
Gates	9	4					5				
Percentage of Total		44.4					55.6				
Pasquotank	21	3	1	7	6	2	2				
Percentage of Total		14.3	4.8	33.3	28.6	9.5	9.5				
Perquimans	9		5		2			1		1	
Percentage of Total			55.6		22.2			11.1		11.1	
District Totals	83	9	12	9	28	13	9	1		1	1
Percentage of Total		10.8	14.5	10.8	33.7	15.7	10.8	1.2		1.2	1.2
<i><u>2ND DISTRICT</u></i>											
Beaufort	55	18	14	6	1	9	7				
Percentage of Total		32.7	25.5	10.9	1.8	16.4	12.7				
Hyde	8	1	1	6							
Percentage of Total		12.5	12.5	75.0							
Martin	83	10	16	4	12	31	8	1	1		
Percentage of Total		12.0	19.3	4.8	14.5	37.3	9.6	1.2	1.2		
Washington	21	8	4	8		1					
Percentage of Total		38.1	19.0	38.1		4.8					
District Totals	167	37	35	24	13	41	15	1	1		
Percentage of Total		22.2	21.0	14.4	7.8	24.6	9.0	0.6	0.6		
<i><u>3RD DISTRICT</u></i>											
Carteret	105	64	12	19	8		2				
Percentage of Total		61.0	11.4	18.1	7.6		1.9				
Craven	112	30	49	8	16	9					
Percentage of Total		26.8	43.8	7.1	14.3	8.0					
Pamlico	16	5			7	1	3				
Percentage of Total		31.3			43.8	6.3	18.8				
Pitt	165	25	37	43	22	26	9		3		
Percentage of Total		15.2	22.4	26.1	13.3	15.8	5.5		1.8		
District Totals	398	124	98	70	53	36	14		3		
Percentage of Total		31.2	24.6	17.6	13.3	9.0	3.5		0.8		
<i><u>4TH DISTRICT</u></i>											
Duplin	53	4		49							
Percentage of Total		7.5		92.5							
Onslow	138	51	61	8	12	1		5			
Percentage of Total		37.0	44.2	5.8	8.7	0.7		3.6			
Sampson	57	10	10	2	31	1	3				
Percentage of Total		17.5	17.5	3.5	54.4	1.8	5.3				
District Totals	248	65	71	59	43	2	3	5			
Percentage of Total		26.2	28.6	23.8	17.3	0.8	1.2	2.0			

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<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
New Hanover	205	64	20	46	44	17	9	3		2	
Percentage of Total		31.2	9.8	22.4	21.5	8.3	4.4	1.5		1.0	
Pender	57	12	10	19	3	3	7			3	
Percentage of Total		21.1	17.5	33.3	5.3	5.3	12.3			5.3	
District Totals	262	76	30	65	47	20	16	3		5	
Percentage of Total		29.0	11.5	24.8	17.9	7.6	6.1	1.1		1.9	
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bertie	16			2	1	3	6	1	3		
Percentage of Total				12.5	6.3	18.8	37.5	6.3	18.8		
Halifax	62	20	16	2	5		18	1			
Percentage of Total		32.3	25.8	3.2	8.1		29.0	1.6			
Hertford	37	1	7	2	6	13	3	5			
Percentage of Total		2.7	18.9	5.4	16.2	35.1	8.1	13.5			
Northampton	6			1	4						1
Percentage of Total				16.7	66.7						16.7
District Totals	121	21	23	7	16	16	27	7	3		1
Percentage of Total		17.4	19.0	5.8	13.2	13.2	22.3	5.8	2.5		0.8
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>											
Edgecombe	85	26	3	38	5	11	2				
Percentage of Total		30.6	3.5	44.7	5.9	12.9	2.4				
Nash	115	30	20	8	13	3	6	13	22		
Percentage of Total		26.1	17.4	7.0	11.3	2.6	5.2	11.3	19.1		
Wilson	162	48	13	2	2	48	42		7		
Percentage of Total		29.6	8.0	1.2	1.2	29.6	25.9		4.3		
District Totals	362	104	36	48	20	62	50	13	29		
Percentage of Total		28.7	9.9	13.3	5.5	17.1	13.8	3.6	8.0		
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>											
Greene	15	5	1	8		1					
Percentage of Total		33.3	6.7	53.3		6.7					
Lenoir	86	28	40	10	4		4				
Percentage of Total		32.6	46.5	11.6	4.7		4.7				
Wayne	88	24	18	8	3	11	23	1			
Percentage of Total		27.3	20.5	9.1	3.4	12.5	26.1	1.1			
District Totals	189	57	59	26	7	12	27	1			
Percentage of Total		30.2	31.2	13.8	3.7	6.3	14.3	0.5			
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>											
Franklin	3	1	1			1					
Percentage of Total		33.3	33.3			33.3					
Granville	106	16	6	7	24	13	21	7	4		8
Percentage of Total		15.1	5.7	6.6	22.6	12.3	19.8	6.6	3.8		7.5
Person	117	34	24	2	7	24	17	5			4
Percentage of Total		29.1	20.5	1.7	6.0	20.5	14.5	4.3			3.4
Vance	88	6	1		25	41	12	2	1		
Percentage of Total		6.8	1.1		28.4	46.6	13.6	2.3	1.1		
Warren	63	9	2	8	8	15	19	2			
Percentage of Total		14.3	3.2	12.7	12.7	23.8	30.2	3.2			
District Totals	377	66	34	17	64	94	69	16	5		12
Percentage of Total		17.5	9.0	4.5	17.0	24.9	18.3	4.2	1.3		3.2

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10TH DISTRICT

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Wake	420	63	85	44	124	65	37	1	1		
Percentage of Total		15.0	20.2	10.5	29.5	15.5	8.8	0.2	0.2		
District Totals	420	63	85	44	124	65	37	1	1		
Percentage of Total		15.0	20.2	10.5	29.5	15.5	8.8	0.2	0.2		

11TH DISTRICT

Harnett	70	2	4	14	10	11	29				
Percentage of Total		2.9	5.7	20.0	14.3	15.7	41.4				
Johnston	95	7	41	43	2	2					
Percentage of Total		7.4	43.2	45.3	2.1	2.1					
Lee	24	5	5	4	10						
Percentage of Total		20.8	20.8	16.7	41.7						
District Totals	189	14	50	61	22	13	29				
Percentage of Total		7.4	26.5	32.3	11.6	6.9	15.3				

12TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	478	85	64	39	152	105	28	2		3	
Percentage of Total		17.8	13.4	8.2	31.8	22.0	5.9	0.4		0.6	
Hoke	12			4	3		4	1			
Percentage of Total				33.3	25.0		33.3	8.3			
District Totals	490	85	64	43	155	105	32	3		3	
Percentage of Total		17.3	13.1	8.8	31.6	21.4	6.5	0.6		0.6	

13TH DISTRICT

Bladen	31				16	8	3	4			
Percentage of Total					51.6	25.8	9.7	12.9			
Brunswick	40	12	2	4	10	5	1				6
Percentage of Total		30.0	5.0	10.0	25.0	12.5	2.5				15.0
Columbus	149	11	35	13	44	20	15	7	1	2	1
Percentage of Total		7.4	23.5	8.7	29.5	13.4	10.1	4.7	0.7	1.3	0.7
District Totals	220	23	37	17	70	33	19	11	1	2	7
Percentage of Total		10.5	16.8	7.7	31.8	15.0	8.6	5.0	0.5	0.9	3.2

14TH DISTRICT

Durham	187		58		64	41	23	1			
Percentage of Total			31.0		34.2	21.9	12.3	0.5			
District Totals	187		58		64	41	23	1			
Percentage of Total			31.0		34.2	21.9	12.3	0.5			

15TH DISTRICT

Alamance	282	50	47	15	58	46	47	16	2		1
Percentage of Total		17.7	16.7	5.3	20.6	16.3	16.7	5.7	0.7		0.4
Chatham	81	1	3		13	20	29	15			
Percentage of Total		1.2	3.7		16.0	24.7	35.8	18.5			
Orange	201	21	34	44	32	24	23	22	1		
Percentage of Total		10.4	16.9	21.9	15.9	11.9	11.4	10.9	0.5		
District Totals	564	72	84	59	103	90	99	53	3		1
Percentage of Total		12.8	14.9	10.5	18.3	16.0	17.6	9.4	0.5		0.2

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<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
Robeson	284	51	32	24	69	82	17	6	3		
Percentage of Total		18.0	11.3	8.5	24.3	28.9	6.0	2.1	1.1		
Scotland	164	14	6	9	59	29	37	7		3	
Percentage of Total		8.5	3.7	5.5	36.0	17.7	22.6	4.3		1.8	
District Totals	448	65	38	33	128	111	54	13	3	3	
Percentage of Total		14.5	8.5	7.4	28.6	24.8	12.1	2.9	0.7	0.7	
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>											
Caswell	22	15	2		1	2	1		1		
Percentage of Total		68.2	9.1		4.5	9.1	4.5		4.5		
Rockingham	277	70	17	102	27	55	6				
Percentage of Total		25.3	6.1	36.8	9.7	19.9	2.2				
Stokes	54	11	10	13	14	4	1		1		
Percentage of Total		20.4	18.5	24.1	25.9	7.4	1.9		1.9		
Surry	100	10	23	18	41	6	2				
Percentage of Total		10.0	23.0	18.0	41.0	6.0	2.0				
District Totals	453	106	52	133	83	67	10		2		
Percentage of Total		23.4	11.5	29.4	18.3	14.8	2.2		0.4		
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>											
Guilford	485	70	47	96	85	103	82	1	1		
Percentage of Total		14.4	9.7	19.8	17.5	21.2	16.9	0.2	0.2		
High Point	217	27	38	32	45	27	44	4			
Percentage of Total		12.4	17.5	14.7	20.7	12.4	20.3	1.8			
District Totals	702	97	85	128	130	130	126	5	1		
Percentage of Total		13.8	12.1	18.2	18.5	18.5	17.9	0.7	0.1		
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cabarrus	195	13	39	23	42	54	7	2	8	4	3
Percentage of Total		6.7	20.0	11.8	21.5	27.7	3.6	1.0	4.1	2.1	1.5
Montgomery	35		33				1		1		
Percentage of Total			94.3				2.9		2.9		
Randolph	234	17	14	10	71	75	45	2			
Percentage of Total		7.3	6.0	4.3	30.3	32.1	19.2	0.9			
Rowan	173	24	41	51	16	13	4	10	7	6	1
Percentage of Total		13.9	23.7	29.5	9.2	7.5	2.3	5.8	4.0	3.5	0.6
District Totals	637	54	127	84	129	142	57	14	16	10	4
Percentage of Total		8.5	19.9	13.2	20.3	22.3	8.9	2.2	2.5	1.6	0.6
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>											
Anson	64	4	12	4	26	8	3	4	3		
Percentage of Total		6.3	18.8	6.3	40.6	12.5	4.7	6.3	4.7		
Moore	99	33	10	6	25	15	5	2	3		
Percentage of Total		33.3	10.1	6.1	25.3	15.2	5.1	2.0	3.0		
Richmond	80	2	23	5	33	12		5			
Percentage of Total		2.5	28.8	6.3	41.3	15.0		6.3			
Stanly	99	5	5	1	38	14	24	10			2
Percentage of Total		5.1	5.1	1.0	38.4	14.1	24.2	10.1			2.0
Union	41	12	8	3	5	10	3				
Percentage of Total		29.3	19.5	7.3	12.2	24.4	7.3				
District Totals	383	56	58	19	127	59	35	21	6		2
Percentage of Total		14.6	15.1	5.0	33.2	15.4	9.1	5.5	1.6		0.5

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21ST DISTRICT

	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
Forsyth	165	46	35	55	19	6	2	2			
Percentage of Total		27.9	21.2	33.3	11.5	3.6	1.2	1.2			
District Totals	165	46	35	55	19	6	2	2			
Percentage of Total		27.9	21.2	33.3	11.5	3.6	1.2	1.2			

22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	31		8		8	13	2				
Percentage of Total			25.8		25.8	41.9	6.5				
Davidson	49			14	5	16	12	2			
Percentage of Total				28.6	10.2	32.7	24.5	4.1			
Davie	28	4	3	5	12	1	1	1			1
Percentage of Total		14.3	10.7	17.9	42.9	3.6	3.6	3.6			3.6
Iredell	107	38	15	11	22	6	11	3	1		
Percentage of Total		35.5	14.0	10.3	20.6	5.6	10.3	2.8	0.9		
District Totals	215	42	26	30	47	36	26	6	1		1
Percentage of Total		19.5	12.1	14.0	21.9	16.7	12.1	2.8	0.5		0.5

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	4					4					
Percentage of Total						100.0					
Ashe	7	3	3					1			
Percentage of Total		42.9	42.9					14.3			
Wilkes	93	10	14	6	21	24	14	3	1		
Percentage of Total		10.8	15.1	6.5	22.6	25.8	15.1	3.2	1.1		
Yadkin	79	44	17	6	10	2					
Percentage of Total		55.7	21.5	7.6	12.7	2.5					
District Totals	183	57	34	12	31	30	14	4	1		
Percentage of Total		31.1	18.6	6.6	16.9	16.4	7.7	2.2	0.5		

24TH DISTRICT

Avery	38	1		32		4	1				
Percentage of Total		2.6		84.2		10.5	2.6				
Madison	23	2		1	1	3	10	4		1	1
Percentage of Total		8.7		4.3	4.3	13.0	43.5	17.4		4.3	4.3
Mitchell	35			1	19	10	1	3		1	
Percentage of Total				2.9	54.3	28.6	2.9	8.6		2.9	
Watauga	39	13	9	2	5	7	3				
Percentage of Total		33.3	23.1	5.1	12.8	17.9	7.7				
Yancey	7		1	1			4		1		
Percentage of Total			14.3	14.3			57.1		14.3		
District Totals	142	16	10	37	25	24	19	7	1	2	1
Percentage of Total		11.3	7.0	26.1	17.6	16.9	13.4	4.9	0.7	1.4	0.7

25TH DISTRICT

Burke	94	22	6	47	10	2	1	5		1	
Percentage of Total		23.4	6.4	50.0	10.6	2.1	1.1	5.3		1.1	
Caldwell	70	14	16	1	13	8	13	4		1	
Percentage of Total		20.0	22.9	1.4	18.6	11.4	18.6	5.7		1.4	
Catawba	349	33	84	29	59	96	45	2	1		
Percentage of Total		9.5	24.1	8.3	16.9	27.5	12.9	0.6	0.3		
District Totals	513	69	106	77	82	106	59	11	1	2	
Percentage of Total		13.5	20.7	15.0	16.0	20.7	11.5	2.1	0.2	0.4	

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Mecklenburg	1523	152	128	53	305	424	346	57	41	8	9
Percentage of Total		10.0	8.4	3.5	20.0	27.8	22.7	3.7	2.7	0.5	0.6
District Totals	1523	152	128	53	305	424	346	57	41	8	9
Percentage of Total		10.0	8.4	3.5	20.0	27.8	22.7	3.7	2.7	0.5	0.6
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cleveland	116	11	72	13	20						
Percentage of Total		9.5	62.1	11.2	17.2						
Gaston	106	22	28	7	25	9	12	2		1	
Percentage of Total		20.8	26.4	6.6	23.6	8.5	11.3	1.9		0.9	
Lincoln	54	19	8	6	8	1	6	2	3		1
Percentage of Total		35.2	14.8	11.1	14.8	1.9	11.1	3.7	5.6		1.9
District Totals	276	52	108	26	53	10	18	4	3	1	1
Percentage of Total		18.8	39.1	9.4	19.2	3.6	6.5	1.4	1.1	0.4	0.4
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>											
Buncombe	76		19	1	21	25	7	3			
Percentage of Total			25.0	1.3	27.6	32.9	9.2	3.9			
District Totals	76		19	1	21	25	7	3			
Percentage of Total			25.0	1.3	27.6	32.9	9.2	3.9			
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>											
Henderson	108	6	3	19		19	17	15	7	1	21
Percentage of Total		5.6	2.8	17.6		17.6	15.7	13.9	6.5	0.9	19.4
McDowell	65	10	4	2	5	8	6	4	7	15	4*
Percentage of Total		15.4	6.2	3.1	7.7	12.3	9.2	6.2	10.8	23.1	6.2
Polk	31	1	2	5	5	8	7	3			
Percentage of Total		3.2	6.5	16.1	16.1	25.8	22.6	9.7			
Rutherford	165	22	10	18	26	23	35	17	11	1	2
Percentage of Total		13.3	6.1	10.9	15.8	13.9	21.2	10.3	6.7	0.6	1.2
Transylvania	41	9		9	4	10	6	3			
Percentage of Total		22.0		22.0	9.8	24.4	14.6	7.3			
District Totals	410	48	19	53	40	68	71	42	25	17	27
Percentage of Total		11.7	4.6	12.9	9.8	16.6	17.3	10.2	6.1	4.1	6.6
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cherokee	14	1				4	9				
Percentage of Total		7.1				28.6	64.3				
Clay	5	3				2					
Percentage of Total		60.0				40.0					
Graham	11	1	5		5						
Percentage of Total		9.1	45.5		45.5						
Haywood	50	13	8		4	15	10				
Percentage of Total		26.0	16.0		8.0	30.0	20.0				
Jackson	48		14	16	1	5	9	1	2		
Percentage of Total		29.2	33.3	2.1	10.4	18.8	2.1	4.2			
Macon	12	2		1	2	5	2				
Percentage of Total		16.7		8.3	16.7	41.7	16.7				
Swain	58	1	2	5	14	9	16	2	2		7
Percentage of Total		1.7	3.4	8.6	24.1	15.5	27.6	3.4	3.4		12.1
District Totals	198	21	29	22	26	40	46	3	4		7
Percentage of Total		10.6	14.6	11.1	13.1	20.2	23.2	1.5	2.0		3.5
STATE TOTAL											
Percentage of Total	10601	1697	1650	1312	2075	1921	1359	308	151	54	74
		16.0	15.6	12.4	19.6	18.1	12.8	2.9	1.4	0.5	0.7

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<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>											
Camden	32	11	6		7	3	5				
Percentage of Total		34.4	18.8		21.9	9.4	15.6				
Chowan	35	17	12	6							
Percentage of Total		48.6	34.3	17.1							
Currituck	31	3	7	4	5	8	4				
Percentage of Total		9.7	22.6	12.9	16.1	25.8	12.9				
Dare	62	8	15	10	14	12	3				
Percentage of Total		12.9	24.2	16.1	22.6	19.4	4.8				
Gates	6	1	5								
Percentage of Total		16.7	83.3								
Pasquotank	110	14	25	21	29	18	3				
Percentage of Total		12.7	22.7	19.1	26.4	16.4	2.7				
Perquimans	23	6	9		5	1	2				
Percentage of Total		26.1	39.1		21.7	4.3	8.7				
DISTRICT TOTALS	299	60	79	41	60	42	17				
Percentage of Total		20.1	26.4	13.7	20.1	14.0	5.7				
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>											
Beaufort	65	13	20	9	7	14	2				
Percentage of Total		20.0	30.8	13.8	10.8	21.5	3.1				
Hyde	17	1	5	4	1	5	1				
Percentage of Total		5.9	29.4	23.5	5.9	29.4	5.9				
Martin	39	4	7	3	15	7	3				
Percentage of Total		10.3	17.9	7.7	38.5	17.9	7.7				
Tyrrell	16	5		4	2	4	1				
Percentage of Total		31.3		25.0	12.5	25.0	6.3				
Washington	7			3	2	2					
Percentage of Total				42.9	28.6	28.6					
DISTRICT TOTALS	144	23	32	23	27	32	7				
Percentage of Total		16.0	22.2	16.0	18.8	22.2	4.9				
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>											
Carteret	51	8	9	21	12		1				
Percentage of Total		15.7	17.6	41.2	23.5		2.0				
Craven	69	16	23	10	9	10			1		
Percentage of Total		23.2	33.3	14.5	13.0	14.5			1.4		
Pamlico	45	1	2	8	28	1	1		4		
Percentage of Total		2.2	4.4	17.8	62.2	2.2	2.2		8.9		
Pitt	72	13	33	7	8	9	1		1		
Percentage of Total		18.1	45.8	9.7	11.1	12.5	1.4		1.4		
DISTRICT TOTALS	237	38	67	46	57	20	3		6		
Percentage of Total		16.0	28.3	19.4	24.1	8.4	1.3		2.5		
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>											
Duplin	10			10							
Percentage of Total				100.0							
Onslow	22	14	5	1	2						
Percentage of Total		63.6	22.7	4.5	9.1						
Sampson	26	8	11	2	4	1					
Percentage of Total		30.8	42.3	7.7	15.4	3.8					
DISTRICT TOTALS	58	22	16	13	6	1					
Percentage of Total		37.9	27.6	22.4	10.3	1.7					

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<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
New Hanover	91	31	20	4	7	9	6	13	1		
Percentage of Total		34.1	22.0	4.4	7.7	9.9	6.6	14.3	1.1		
Pender	23	8	2	4	8	1					
Percentage of Total		34.8	8.7	17.4	34.8	4.3					
DISTRICT TOTALS	114	39	22	8	15	10	6	13	1		
Percentage of Total		34.2	19.3	7.0	13.2	8.8	5.3	11.4	0.9		
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bertie	22	3	7	2	1	3	3	3			
Percentage of Total		13.6	31.8	9.1	4.5	13.6	13.6	13.6			
Halifax	41	10	5	7	12	2	5				
Percentage of Total		24.4	12.2	17.1	29.3	4.9	12.2				
Hertford	27	1	5	4	9	3	1	4			
Percentage of Total		3.7	18.5	14.8	33.3	11.1	3.7	14.8			
Northampton	17	1	1	3	2	8				1	1
Percentage of Total		5.9	5.9	17.6	11.8	47.1				5.9	5.9
DISTRICT TOTALS	107	15	18	16	24	16	9	7		1	1
Percentage of Total		14.0	16.8	15.0	22.4	15.0	8.4	6.5		0.9	0.9
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>											
Edgecombe	51	28	8	2	9	2	2				
Percentage of Total		54.9	15.7	3.9	17.6	3.9	3.9				
Nash	79	12	11	8	12	22	10	2	2		
Percentage of Total		15.2	13.9	10.1	15.2	27.8	12.7	2.5	2.5		
Wilson	89	32	39		3	7	6	1	1		
Percentage of Total		36.0	43.8		3.4	7.9	6.7	1.1	1.1		
DISTRICT TOTALS	219	72	58	10	24	31	18	3	3		
Percentage of Total		32.9	26.5	4.6	11.0	14.2	8.2	1.4	1.4		
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>											
Greene	19	7	1	2	4	4	1				
Percentage of Total		36.8	5.3	10.5	21.1	21.1	5.3				
Lenoir	61	14	18	8	15	5	1				
Percentage of Total		23.0	29.5	13.1	24.6	8.2	1.6				
Wayne	68	18	12	17	7	9	5				
Percentage of Total		26.5	17.6	25.0	10.3	13.2	7.4				
DISTRICT TOTALS	148	39	31	27	26	18	7				
Percentage of Total		26.4	20.9	18.2	17.6	12.2	4.7				
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>											
Franklin	273	19	44	60	49	33	50	16		2	
Percentage of Total		7.0	16.1	22.0	17.9	12.1	18.3	5.9		0.7	
Granville	127	5	21	4	32	44	16	5			
Percentage of Total		3.9	16.5	3.1	25.2	34.6	12.6	3.9			
Person	185	12	25	15	28	58	31	15	1		
Percentage of Total		6.5	13.5	8.1	15.1	31.4	16.8	8.1	0.5		
Vance	166	14	18	18	30	41	34	7	3		1
Percentage of Total		8.4	10.8	10.8	18.1	24.7	20.5	4.2	1.8		0.6
Warren	39	2	2	2	3	20	10				
Percentage of Total		5.1	5.1	5.1	7.7	51.3	25.6				
DISTRICT TOTALS	790	52	110	99	142	196	141	43	4	2	1
Percentage of Total		6.6	13.9	12.5	18.0	24.8	17.8	5.4	0.5	0.3	0.1

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Wake	267	42	45	45	98	34	1		2		
Percentage of Total		15.7	16.9	16.9	36.7	12.7	0.4		0.7		
DISTRICT TOTALS	267	42	45	45	98	34	1		2		
Percentage of Total		15.7	16.9	16.9	36.7	12.7	0.4		0.7		
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>											
Harnett	8	2	1	1		2	1	1			
Percentage of Total		25.0	12.5	12.5		25.0	12.5	12.5			
Johnston	17	3	8	3	1	1	1				
Percentage of Total	17.6	47.1	17.6	5.9	5.9	5.9					
Lee	20	5	6		8		1				
Percentage of Total		25.0	30.0		40.0		5.0				
DISTRICT TOTALS	45	10	15	4	9	3	3	1			
Percentage of Total		22.2	33.3	8.9	20.0	6.7	6.7	2.2			
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cumberland	182	18	41	13	47	60	3				
Percentage of Total		9.9	22.5	7.1	25.8	33.0	1.6				
Hoke	21	9	4	3	1	4					
Percentage of Total		42.9	19.0	14.3	4.8	19.0					
DISTRICT TOTALS	203	27	45	16	48	64	3				
Percentage of Total		13.3	22.2	7.9	23.6	31.5	1.5				
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bladen	63	2	9	7	11	17	13	4			
Percentage of Total		3.2	14.3	11.1	17.5	27.0	20.6	6.3			
Brunswick	51	12	8		21	9	1				
Percentage of Total		23.5	15.7		41.2	17.6	2.0				
Columbus	131	16	15	3	17	23	29	24	2		2
Percentage of Total		12.2	11.5	2.3	13.0	17.6	22.1	18.3	1.5		1.5
DISTRICT TOTALS	245	30	32	10	49	49	43	28	2		2
Percentage of Total		12.2	13.1	4.1	20.0	20.0	17.6	11.4	0.8		0.8
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>											
Durham	29		16	13							
Percentage of Total			55.2	44.8							
DISTRICT TOTALS	29		16	13							
Percentage of Total			55.2	44.8							
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>											
Alamance	131	19	15	8	49	17	20		3		
Percentage of Total		14.5	11.5	6.1	37.4	13.0	15.3		2.3		
Chatham	50	4	3	7	11	7	16	2			
Percentage of Total		8.0	6.0	14.0	22.0	14.0	32.0	4.0			
Orange	52	3	4	4	9	22	10				
Percentage of Total		5.8	7.7	7.7	17.3	42.3	19.2				
DISTRICT TOTALS	233	26	22	19	69	46	46	2	3		
Percentage of Total		11.2	9.4	8.2	29.6	19.7	19.7	0.9	1.3		

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<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
Robeson	123	13	18	11	41	22	15	3			
Percentage of Total		10.6	14.6	8.9	33.3	17.9	12.2	2.4			
Scotland	1					1					
Percentage of Total					100.0						
DISTRICT TOTALS	124	13	18	11	41	23	15	3			
Percentage of Total		10.5	14.5	8.9	33.1	18.5	12.1	2.4			
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>											
Caswell	25		7		7	8	2	1			
Percentage of Total			28.0		28.0	32.0	8.0	4.0			
Rockingham	236	73	20	59	36	44	3	1			
Percentage of Total		30.9	8.5	25.0	15.3	18.6	1.3	0.4			
Stokes	101	8	26	14	25	17	8	2			1
Percentage of Total		7.9	25.7	13.9	24.8	16.8	7.9	2.0			1.0
Surry	143	23	37	15	42	19	7				
Percentage of Total		16.1	25.9	10.5	29.4	13.3	4.9				
DISTRICT TOTALS	505	104	90	88	110	88	20	4			1
Percentage of Total		20.6	17.8	17.4	21.8	17.4	4.0	0.8			0.2
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>											
Guilford	216	27	24	84	11	28	42				
Percentage of Total		12.5	11.1	38.9	5.1	13.0	19.4				
High Point	157	18	12	18	30	57	17	5			
Percentage of Total		11.5	7.6	11.5	19.1	36.3	10.8	3.2			
DISTRICT TOTALS	373	45	36	102	41	85	59	5			
Percentage of Total		12.1	9.7	27.3	11.0	22.8	15.8	1.3			
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cabarrus	311	34	24	26	95	75	26	4	14	11	2
Percentage of Total		10.9	7.7	8.4	30.5	24.1	8.4	1.3	4.5	3.5	0.6
Montgomery	91	7	35		9	12	12	3	13		
Percentage of Total		7.7	38.5		9.9	13.2	13.2	3.3	14.3		
Randolph	322	8	36	20	93	129	36				
Percentage of Total		2.5	6.2	28.9	40.1	11.2					
Rowan	208	20	26	39	66	19	22		11	3	2
Percentage of Total		9.6	12.5	18.8	31.7	9.1	10.6		5.3	1.4	1.0
DISTRICT TOTALS	932	69	121	85	263	235	96	7	38	14	4
Percentage of Total		7.4	13.0	9.1	28.2	25.2	10.3	0.8	4.1	1.5	0.4
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>											
Anson	26	4	6	3	7	2				2	2
Percentage of Total		15.4	23.1	11.5	26.9	7.7				7.7	7.7
Moore	35	7	1	3	12	6	5	1			
Percentage of Total		20.0	2.9	8.6	34.3	17.1	14.3	2.9			
Richmond	64	8	33	18		1	3			1	
Percentage of Total		12.5	51.6	28.1		1.6	4.7			1.6	
Stanly	64	6	17	2	7	25	2	1	1	2	1
Percentage of Total		9.4	26.6	3.1	10.9	39.1	3.1	1.6	1.6	3.1	1.6
Union	62	17	17	6	10	10	1				1
Percentage of Total		27.4	27.4	9.7	16.1	16.1	1.6				1.6
DISTRICT TOTALS	251	42	74	32	36	44	11	2	1	5	4
Percentage of Total		16.7	29.5	12.7	14.3	17.5	4.4	0.8	0.4	2.0	1.6

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<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
Forsyth	130	39	33	15	37	6					
Percentage of Total		30.0	25.4	11.5	28.5	4.6					
DISTRICT TOTALS	130	39	33	15	37	6					
Percentage of Total		30.0	25.4	11.5	28.5	4.6					
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>											
Alexander	39	8	16	3	6	2	4				
Percentage of Total		20.5	41.0	7.7	15.4	5.1	10.3				
Davidson	150	76	17	22	6	17	7		4		1
Percentage of Total		50.7	11.3	14.7	4.0	11.3	4.7		2.7		0.7
Davie	42	17	9	4	5	7					
Percentage of Total		40.5	21.4	9.5	11.9	16.7					
Iredell	78	28	17	7	11	10	4			1	
Percentage of Total		35.9	21.8	9.0	14.1	12.8	5.1			1.3	
DISTRICT TOTALS	309	129	59	36	28	36	15		4	1	1
Percentage of Total		41.7	19.1	11.7	9.1	11.7	4.9		1.3	0.3	0.3
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>											
Alleghany	23	4	1	3	3	7	3	2			
Percentage of Total		17.4	4.3	13.0	13.0	30.4	13.0	8.7			
Ashe	30	15	7	3			4	1			
Percentage of Total		50.0	23.3	10.0			13.3	3.3			
Wilkes	91	8	1	16	20	34	8	2	2		
Percentage of Total		8.8	1.1	17.6	22.0	37.4	8.8	2.2	2.2		
Yadkin	25	9	2		7	4			3		
Percentage of Total		36.0	8.0		28.0	16.0			12.0		
DISTRICT TOTALS	169	36	11	22	30	45	15	5	5		
Percentage of Total		21.3	6.5	13.0	17.8	26.6	8.9	3.0	3.0		
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>											
Avery	20	1	1	5	4	4	5				
Percentage of Total		5.0	5.0	25.0	20.0	20.0	25.0				
Madison	23	4		7	2	5			1	1	3
Percentage of Total		17.4		30.4	8.7	21.7			4.3	4.3	13.0
Mitchell	8	2	5	1							
Percentage of Total		25.0	62.5	12.5							
Watauga	14		2		4	5	3				
Percentage of Total			14.3		28.6	35.7	21.4				
DISTRICT TOTALS	65	7	8	13	10	14	8		1	1	3
Percentage of Total		10.8	12.3	20.0	15.4	21.5	12.3		1.5	1.5	4.6
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>											
Burke	101	6	15	29	10	17	12	4	6		2
Percentage of Total		5.9	14.9	28.7	9.9	16.8	11.9	4.0	5.9		2.0
Caldwell	96	16	18	2	14	24	13	6	1	2	
Percentage of Total		16.7	18.8	2.1	14.6	25.0	13.5	6.3	1.0	2.1	
Catawba	241	40	62	28	51	32	23	5			
Percentage of Total		16.6	25.7	11.6	21.2	13.3	9.5	2.1			
DISTRICT TOTALS	438	62	95	59	75	73	48	15	7	2	2
Percentage of Total		14.2	21.7	13.5	17.1	16.7	11.0	3.4	1.6	0.5	0.5

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<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
Mecklenburg	600	19	171	256	51	61	33	4	2	2	1
Percentage of Total		3.2	28.5	42.7	8.5	10.2	5.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2
DISTRICT TOTALS	600	19	171	256	51	61	33	4	2	2	1
Percentage of Total		3.2	28.5	42.7	8.5	10.2	5.5	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cleveland	62	39	15	2	6						
Percentage of Total		62.9	24.2	3.2	9.7						
Gaston	65	29	22	7	5	2					
Percentage of Total		44.6	33.8	10.8	7.7	3.1					
Lincoln	16	2	6		1	1	4		1	1	
Percentage of Total		12.5	37.5		6.3	6.3	25.0		6.3	6.3	
DISTRICT TOTALS	143	70	43	9	12	3	4		1	1	
Percentage of Total		49.0	30.1	6.3	8.4	2.1	2.8		0.7	0.7	
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>											
Buncombe	149	58	48	25	6	8	1	3			
Percentage of Total		38.9	32.2	16.8	4.0	5.4	0.7	2.0			
DISTRICT TOTALS	149	58	48	25	6	8	1	3			
Percentage of Total		38.9	32.2	16.8	4.0	5.4	0.7	2.0			
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>											
Henderson	84	32	11	14		9	6	3	1	3	5
Percentage of Total		38.1	13.1	16.7		10.7	7.1	3.6	1.2	3.6	6.0
McDowell	37	4	9	8	3	4	5	1	1	1	1
Percentage of Total		10.8	24.3	21.6	8.1	10.8	13.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Polk	13	3	1	3	2	3	1				
Percentage of Total		23.1	7.7	23.1	15.4	23.1	7.7				
Rutherford	142	11	19	7	41	34	20	4	3		3
Percentage of Total		7.7	13.4	4.9	28.9	23.9	14.1	2.8	2.1		2.1
Transylvania	10	4			5	1					
Percentage of Total		40.0			50.0	10.0					
DISTRICT TOTALS	286	54	40	32	51	51	32	8	5	4	9
Percentage of Total		18.9	14.0	11.2	17.8	17.8	11.2	2.8	1.7	1.4	3.1
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cherokee	33	8	2	2	4	11	6				
Percentage of Total		24.2	6.1	6.1	12.1	33.3	18.2				
Clay	5		2			1	2				
Percentage of Total			40.0			20.0	40.0				
Graham	14			4	8	1	1				
Percentage of Total				28.6	57.1	7.1	7.1				
Haywood	103	11	17	10	19	35	9	2			
Percentage of Total		10.7	16.5	9.7	18.4	34.0	8.7	1.9			
Jackson	48		10	1	7	20	2	6	1	1	
Percentage of Total			20.8	2.1	14.6	41.7	4.2	12.5	2.1	2.1	
Macon	11		3		7	1					
Percentage of Total			27.3		63.6	9.1					
Swain	4	2	1	1							
Percentage of Total		50.0	25.0	25.0							
DISTRICT TOTALS	218	21	35	18	45	69	20	8	1	1	
Percentage of Total		9.6	16.1	8.3	20.6	31.7	9.2	3.7	0.5	0.5	
STATE TOTALS	7830	1263	1490	1193	1490	1403	681	161	86	34	29
Percentage of Total		16.1	19.0	15.2	19.0	17.9	8.7	2.1	1.1	0.4	0.4

UTILIZATION OF CRIMINAL SUPERIOR COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1976 Calendar Year

<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Camden	15	10	5	66.6
Chowan	30	27 ½	2 ½	91.6
Currituck	30	28 ½	1 ½	95.0
Dare	35	29	6	82.8
Gates	25	19	6	76.0
Pasquotank	60	48 ½	11 ½	80.8
Perquimans	25	20	5	80.0
TOTAL	220	182 ½	37 ½	82.9

<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>				
Beaufort	75	67	8	89.3
Hyde	6	2 ½	3 ½	41.6
Martin	40	35	5	87.5
Tyrrell	10	3	7	30.0
Washington	23	15 ½	7 ½	67.3
TOTAL	154	123	31	79.8

<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>				
Carteret	38	28	10	73.6
Craven	100	79 ½	20 ½	79.5
Pamlico	20	14	6	70.0
Pitt	123	100	23	81.3
TOTAL	281	221 ½	59 ½	78.8

<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>				
Duplin	30	27	3	90.0
Jones	10	4	6	40.0
Onslow	145	109	36	75.1
Sampson	50	38	12	76.0
TOTAL	235	178	57	75.7

<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>				
New Hanover	225	179	46	79.5
Pender	25	22 ½	2 ½	90.0
TOTAL	250	201 ½	48 ½	80.6

<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>				
Bertie	32	23 ½	8 ½	73.4
Halifax	45	39	6	86.6
Hertford	20	18	2	90.0
Northampton	18	14	4	77.7
TOTAL	115	94 ½	20 ½	82.1

<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>				
Edgecombe	55	34 ½	20 ½	62.7
Nash	60	40	20	66.6
Wilson	85	67 ½	17 ½	79.4
TOTAL	200	142	58	71.0

<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>				
Greene	30	18	12	60.0
Lenoir	90	75	15	83.3
Wayne	140	128	12	91.4
TOTAL	260	221	39	85

<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Franklin	40	31 ½	8 ½	78.7
Granville	20	16	4	80.0
Person	50	47 ½	2 ½	95.0
Vance	50	43 ½	6 ½	87.0
Warren	25	20	5	80.0
TOTAL	185	158 ½	26 ½	85.6

<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>				
Wake	415	347	68	83.6

<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>				
Harnett	70	60 ½	9 ½	86.4
Johnston	60	44	16	73.3
Lee	30	25 ½	4 ½	85.0
TOTAL	160	130	30	81.2

<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cumberland	315	264 ½	50 ½	83.9
Hoke	30	29	1	96.6
TOTAL	345	293 ½	51 ½	85.0

<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>				
Bladen	29	25 ½	3 ½	87.9
Brunswick	45	37	8	82.2
Columbus	80	69 ½	10 ½	86.8
TOTAL	154	132	22	85.7

<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>				
Durham	297	267 ½	29 ½	90.0

<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>				
Alamance	165	148 ½	16 ½	90.0
Chatham	25	22 ½	2 ½	90.0
Orange	65	56	9	86.1
TOTAL	255	227	28	89.0

<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>				
Robeson	137	123	14	89.7
Scotland	25	21	4	84.0
TOTAL	162	144	18	88.8

<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>				
Caswell	20	13 ½	6 ½	67.5
Rockingham	80	68	12	85.0
Stokes	30	18 ½	11 ½	61.6
Surry	45	31 ½	13 ½	70.0
TOTAL	175	131 ½	43 ½	75.1

<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>				
Guilford	323	269 ½	53 ½	83.4

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1976 Calendar Year

19TH DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Cabarrus	75	69 ½	5 ½	92.6
Montgomery	30	24	6	80.0
Randolph	70	59	11	84.2
Rowan	105	82	23	78.0
TOTAL	280	234 ½	45 ½	83.7

20TH DISTRICT

Anson	40	29 ½	10 ½	73.7
Moore	40	33	7	82.5
Richmond	45	36	9	80.0
Stanly	45	44	1	97.7
Union	70	52	18	74.2
TOTAL	240	194 ½	45 ½	81.0

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	220	177	43	80.4
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22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	20	15 ½	4 ½	77.5
Davidson	80	55 ½	24 ½	69.3
Davie	20	12 ½	7 ½	62.5
Iredell	75	53	22	70.6
TOTAL	195	136 ½	58 ½	70.0

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	10	5	5	50.0
Ashe	18	15	3	83.3
Wilkes	55	50 ½	4 ½	91.8
Yadkin	18	13 ½	4 ½	75.0
TOTAL	101	84	17	83.1

24TH DISTRICT

Avery	20	17 ½	2 ½	87.5
Madison	30	19 ½	10 ½	65.0
Mitchell	10	5	5	50.0
Watauga	40	34	6	85.0
Yancey	8	6	2	75.0
TOTAL	108	82	26	75.9

25TH DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Burke	113	98 ½	14 ½	87.1
Caldwell	80	67 ½	12 ½	84.3
Catawba	150	112 ½	37 ½	75.0
TOTAL	343	278 ½	64 ½	81.1

26TH DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	639 ½	570	69 ½	89.1
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27TH DISTRICT

Cleveland	105	84 ½	20 ½	80.4
Gaston	198	165	33	83.3
Lincoln	60	44	16	73.3
TOTAL	363	293 ½	69 ½	80.8

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	193	145	48	75.1
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29TH DISTRICT

Henderson	50	37	13	74.0
McDowell	60	49	11	81.6
Polk	15	13 ½	1 ½	90.0
Rutherford	45	41	4	91.1
Transylvania	25	20	5	80.0
TOTAL	195	160 ½	34 ½	82.3

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	11	8 ½	2 ½	77.2
Clay	6	1 ½	4 ½	25.0
Graham	6	2	4	33.3
Haywood	65	46 ½	18 ½	71.5
Jackson	25	23	2	92.0
Macon	9	6 ½	2 ½	72.2
Swain	11	6 ½	4 ½	59.0
TOTAL	133	94 ½	38 ½	71.0

GRAND TOTAL	7,196 ½	5915	1,281 ½	82.1
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ESTATES CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF BEFORE THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/76	Filed 1976	Total Caseload	Disposed of 1976	Pending 12/31/76	Increase or Decrease
Camden	43	27	70	31	39	- 4
Chowan	146	93	239	106	133	- 13
Currituck	79	99	178	75	103	+ 24
Dare	280	95	375	64	311	+ 31
Gates	143	60	203	79	124	- 19
Pasquotank	203	139	342	156	186	- 17
Perquimans	108	83	191	46	145	+ 37
TOTAL	1002	596	1598	557	1041	+ 39
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>						
Beaufort	369	285	654	247	407	+ 38
Hyde	27	50	77	32	45	+ 18
Martin	233	138	371	177	194	- 39
Tyrrell	19	29	48	24	24	+ 5
Washington	80	60	140	55	85	+ 5
TOTAL	728	562	1290	535	755	+ 27
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>						
Carteret	290	266	556	222	334	+ 44
Craven	348	280	628	248	380	+ 32
Pamlico	64	56	120	56	64
Pitt	543	392	935	389	546	+ 3
TOTAL	1245	994	2239	915	1324	+ 79
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>						
Duplin	305	194	499	175	324	+ 19
Jones	60	64	124	52	72	+ 12
Onslow	444	186	630	165	465	+ 21
Sampson	372	237	609	240	369	- 3
TOTAL	1181	681	1862	632	1230	+ 49
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>						
New Hanover	720	417	1137	233	904	+ 184
Pender	116	99	215	98	117	+ 1
TOTAL	836	516	1352	331	1021	+ 185
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>						
Bertie	224	113	337	136	201	- 23
Halifax	542	294	836	216	620	+ 78
Hertford	172	112	284	114	170	- 2
Northampton	165	143	308	120	188	+ 23
TOTAL	1103	662	1765	586	1179	+ 76
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>						
Edgecombe	413	277	690	310	380	- 33
Nash	479	290	769	300	469	- 10
Wilson	641	303	944	293	651	+ 10
TOTAL	1533	870	2403	903	1500	- 33

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January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	Pending 1/1/76	Filed 1976	Total Caseload	Disposed of 1976	Pending 12/31/76	Increase or Decrease
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>						
Greene	107	93	200	96	104	- 3
Lenoir	368	295	663	310	353	- 15
Wayne	650	393	1043	422	621	- 29
TOTAL	1125	781	1906	828	1078	- 47
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>						
Franklin	295	124	419	111	308	+ 13
Granville	232	186	418	182	236	+ 4
Person	203	135	338	137	201	- 2
Vance	257	239	496	159	337	+ 80
Warren	250	115	365	122	243	- 7
TOTAL	1237	799	2036	711	1325	+ 88
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>						
Wake	1793	1038	2831	899	1932	+ 139
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>						
Harnett	516	274	790	324	466	- 50
Johnston	652	436	1088	507	581	- 71
Lee	318	144	462	152	310	- 8
TOTAL	1486	854	2340	983	1357	- 129
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cumberland	803	706	1509	733	776	- 27
Hoke	95	97	192	83	109	+ 14
TOTAL	898	803	1701	816	885	- 14
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>						
Bladen	124	104	228	82	146	+ 22
Brunswick	168	140	308	177	131	- 37
Columbus	320	208	528	171	357	+ 37
TOTAL	612	452	1064	430	634	+ 22
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>						
Durham	1345	825	2170	764	1406	+ 61
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>						
Alamance	484	601	1085	585	500	+ 16
Chatham	326	176	502	194	308	- 18
Orange	437	296	733	181	552	+ 115
TOTAL	1247	1073	2320	960	1360	+ 113
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>						
Robeson	689	463	1152	425	727	+ 38
Scotland	219	122	341	119	222	+ 3
TOTAL	908	585	1493	544	949	+ 41

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	Pending 1/1/76	Filed 1976	Total Caseload	Disposed of 1976	Pending 12/31/76	Increase or Decrease
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>						
Caswell	115	103	218	100	118	+ 3
Rockingham	625	457	1082	481	601	- 24
Stokes	152	127	279	122	157	+ 5
Surry	451	221	672	230	442	- 9
TOTAL	1343	908	2251	933	1318	- 25
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>						
Guilford	2728	1373	4101	1672	2429	- 299
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cabarrus	582	473	1055	424	631	+ 49
Montgomery	173	135	308	122	186	+ 13
Randolph	454	388	842	348	494	+ 40
Rowan	584	613	1197	370	827	+ 243
TOTAL	1793	1609	3402	1264	2138	+ 345
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>						
Anson	415	122	537	120	417	+ 2
Moore	492	304	796	329	467	- 25
Richmond	329	220	549	187	362	+ 33
Stanly	793	314	1107	242	865	+ 72
Union	431	306	737	292	445	+ 14
TOTAL	2460	1266	3726	1170	2556	+ 96
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>						
Forsyth	1912	1398	3310	1431	1879	- 33
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>						
Alexander	93	90	183	102	81	- 12
Davidson	653	474	1127	495	632	- 21
Davie	95	100	195	78	117	+ 22
Iredell	676	438	1114	530	584	- 92
TOTAL	1517	1102	2619	1205	1414	- 103
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>						
Alleghany	92	81	173	92	81	- 11
Ashe	110	104	214	99	115	+ 5
Wilkes	275	204	479	182	297	+ 22
Yadkin	216	179	395	155	240	+ 24
TOTAL	693	568	1261	528	733	+ 40
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>						
Avery	100	69	169	66	103	+ 3
Madison	149	99	248	80	168	+ 18
Mitchell	158	96	254	38	216	+ 58
Watauga	118	115	233	65	168	+ 50
Yancey	101	68	169	78	91	- 10
TOTAL	626	447	1073	327	746	+ 120

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<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>						
Burke	661	295	956	260	696	+ 35
Caldwell	410	257	667	231	436	+ 26
Catawba	737	425	1162	367	795	+ 58
TOTAL	1808	977	2785	858	1927	+ 119
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>						
Mecklenburg	3187	1945	5132	1979	3153	- 34
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cleveland	391	340	731	318	413	+ 22
Gaston	801	608	1409	468	941	+ 140
Lincoln	235	191	426	202	224	- 11
TOTAL	1427	1139	2566	988	1578	+ 151
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>						
Buncombe	2162	1116	3278	1061	2217	+ 55
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>						
Henderson	506	363	869	356	513	+ 7
McDowell	241	123	364	189	175	- 66
Polk	204	80	284	105	179	- 25
Rutherford	358	237	595	234	361	+ 3
Transylvania	238	141	379	128	251	+ 13
TOTAL	1547	944	2491	1012	1479	- 68
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cherokee	126	77	203	83	120	- 6
Clay	22	29	51	19	32	+ 10
Graham	45	49	94	37	57	+ 12
Haywood	336	230	566	208	358	+ 22
Jackson	180	121	301	96	205	+ 25
Macon	207	120	327	84	243	+ 36
Swain	75	73	148	76	72	- 3
TOTAL	991	699	1690	603	1087	+ 96
GRAND TOTAL	42473	27582	70055	26425	43630	+ 1157

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST RATIOS OF ESTATES
DISPOSITIONS TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Brunswick	308	177	57.5
Alexander	183	102	55.9
Alamance	1085	585	53.9
Alleghany	173	92	53.2
McDowell	364	189	51.9
Swain	148	76	51.4
Tyrrell	48	24	50.0
Cumberland	1509	733	48.6
Green	200	96	48.0
Iredell	1114	530	47.6
STATE MEAN	701	264	37.7

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH LOWEST RATIOS OF ESTATES
DISPOSITIONS TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Dare	375	64	17.1
New Hanover	1137	233	20.5
Stanley	1107	242	21.9
Anson	537	120	22.3
Perquimans	191	46	24.1
Orange	733	181	24.7
Macon	327	84	25.7
Halifax	836	216	25.8
Onslow	630	165	26.2
Franklin	419	111	26.5
STATE MEAN	701	264	37.7

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<i><u>1ST DISTRICT</u></i>											
Camden	39	4	6	6	3	6	6	3	4	1	
Percentage of Total		10.3	15.4	15.4	7.7	15.4	15.4	7.7	10.3	2.6	
Chowan	133	8	12	10	19	21	21	13	29		
Percentage of Total		6.0	9.0	7.5	14.3	15.8	15.8	9.8	21.8		
Currituck	103	2	8	23	20	18	14	7	11		
Percentage of Total		1.9	7.8	22.3	19.4	17.5	13.6	6.8	10.7		
Dare	311	6	6	12	37	37	49	37	126	1	
Percentage of Total		1.9	1.9	3.9	11.9	11.9	15.8	11.9	40.5	0.3	
Gates	124	4	8	11	11	26	22	26	15	1	
Percentage of Total		3.2	6.5	8.9	8.9	21.0	17.7	21.0	12.1	0.8	
Pasquotank	186	11	19	17	35	33	18	17	36		
Percentage of Total		5.9	10.2	9.1	18.8	17.7	9.7	9.1	19.4		
Perquimans	145	5	6	16	19	26	31	16	26		
Percentage of Total		3.4	4.1	11.0	13.1	17.9	21.4	11.0	17.9		
DISTRICT TOTALS	1041	40	65	95	144	167	161	119	247	3	
Percentage of Total		3.8	6.2	9.1	13.8	16.0	15.5	11.4	23.7	0.3	
<i><u>2ND DISTRICT</u></i>											
Beaufort	407	16	30	41	51	39	29	33	168		
Percentage of Total		3.9	7.4	10.1	12.5	9.6	7.1	8.1	41.3		
Hyde	45		3	14	14	6	3	1	4		
Percentage of Total			6.7	31.1	31.1	13.3	6.7	2.2	8.9		
Martin	194	9	18	14	31	30	32	20	40		
Percentage of Total		4.6	9.3	7.2	16.0	15.5	16.5	10.3	20.6		
Tyrrell	24		4	4	11	1	2	1	1		
Percentage of Total			16.7	16.7	45.8	4.2	8.3	4.2	4.2		
Washington	85	8	12	11	12	10	11	2	16	2	1
Percentage of Total		9.4	14.1	12.9	14.1	11.8	12.9	2.4	18.8	2.4	1.2
DISTRICT TOTALS	755	33	67	84	119	86	77	57	229	2	1
Percentage of Total		4.4	8.9	11.1	15.8	11.4	10.2	7.5	30.3	0.3	0.1
<i><u>3RD DISTRICT</u></i>											
Carteret	334	13	28	39	67	42	55	35	43	8	4
Percentage of Total		3.9	8.4	11.7	20.1	12.6	16.5	10.5	12.9	2.4	1.2
Craven	380	14	33	57	83	49	49	14	61	18	2
Percentage of Total		3.7	8.7	15.0	21.8	12.9	12.9	3.7	16.1	4.7	0.5
Pamlico	64	4	8	6	14	6	10	4	4	8	
Percentage of Total		6.3	12.5	9.4	21.9	9.4	15.6	6.3	6.3	12.5	
Pitt	546	15	54	70	94	73	57	37	52	66	28
Percentage of Total		2.7	9.9	12.8	17.2	13.4	10.4	6.8	9.5	12.1	5.1
DISTRICT TOTALS	1324	46	123	172	258	170	171	90	160	100	34
Percentage of Total		3.5	9.3	13.0	19.5	12.8	12.9	6.8	12.1	7.6	2.6
<i><u>4TH DISTRICT</u></i>											
Duplin	324	15	29	41	64	49	55	40	31		
Percentage of Total		4.6	9.0	12.7	19.8	15.1	17.0	12.3	9.6		
Jones	72	6	4	10	11	8	10	8	14	1	
Percentage of Total		8.3	5.6	13.9	15.3	11.1	13.9	11.1	19.4	1.4	
Onslow	465	13	30	29	61	56	75	62	77	61	1
Percentage of Total		2.8	6.5	6.2	13.1	12.0	16.1	13.3	16.6	13.1	0.2
Sampson	369	11	17	44	64	59	60	44	70		
Percentage of Total		3.0	4.6	11.9	17.3	16.0	16.3	11.9	19.0		
DISTRICT TOTALS	1230	45	80	124	200	172	200	154	192	62	1
Percentage of Total		3.7	6.5	10.1	16.3	14.0	16.3	12.5	15.6	5.0	0.1

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New Hanover	904	38	78	64	111	122	169	101	141	62	18
Percentage of Total		4.2	8.6	7.1	12.3	13.5	18.7	11.2	15.6	6.9	2.0
Pender	117	10	16	7	20	16	24	6	9	5	4
Percentage of Total		8.5	13.7	6.0	17.1	13.7	20.5	5.1	7.7	4.3	3.4
DISTRICT TOTALS	1021	48	94	71	131	138	193	107	150	67	22
Percentage of Total		4.7	9.2	7.0	12.8	13.5	18.9	10.5	14.7	6.6	2.2
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bertie	201	10	11	23	35	25	31	17	32	15	2
Percentage of Total		5.0	5.5	11.4	17.4	12.4	15.4	8.5	15.9	7.5	1.0
Halifax	620	22	48	44	90	84	118	54	84	57	19
Percentage of Total		3.5	7.7	7.1	14.5	13.5	19.0	8.7	13.5	9.2	3.1
Hertford	170	11	18	13	27	30	26	7	37	1	
Percentage of Total		6.5	10.6	7.6	15.9	17.6	15.3	4.1	21.8	0.6	
Northampton	188	9	19	30	46	21	24	11	28		
Percentage of Total		4.8	10.1	16.0	24.5	11.2	12.8	5.9	14.9		
DISTRICT TOTALS	1179	52	96	110	198	160	199	89	181	73	21
Percentage of Total		4.4	8.1	9.3	16.8	13.6	16.9	7.5	15.4	6.2	1.8
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>											
Edgecombe	380	8	27	43	62	55	51	31	39	41	23
Percentage of Total		2.1	7.1	11.3	16.3	14.5	13.4	8.2	10.3	10.8	6.1
Nash	469	24	34	42	84	60	47	31	63	55	29
Percentage of Total		5.1	7.2	9.0	17.9	12.8	10.0	6.6	13.4	11.7	6.2
Wilson	651	22	35	49	85	63	62	32	98	110	95
Percentage of Total		3.4	5.4	7.5	13.1	9.7	9.5	4.9	15.1	16.9	14.6
DISTRICT TOTALS	1500	54	96	134	231	178	160	94	200	110	95
Percentage of Total		3.6	6.4	8.9	15.4	11.9	10.7	6.3	13.3	13.7	9.8
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>											
Greene	104	7	7	14	21	9	13	10	23		
Percentage of Total		6.7	6.7	13.5	20.2	8.7	12.5	9.6	22.1		
Lenoir	353	15	29	35	65	79	45	26	27	19	13
Percentage of Total		4.2	8.2	9.9	18.4	22.4	12.7	7.4	7.6	5.4	3.7
Wayne	621	34	52	63	115	79	65	36	67	77	33
Percentage of Total		5.5	8.4	10.1	18.5	12.7	10.5	5.8	10.8	12.4	5.3
DISTRICT TOTALS	1078	56	88	112	201	167	123	72	117	96	46
Percentage of Total		5.2	8.2	10.4	18.6	15.5	11.4	6.7	10.9	8.9	4.3
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>											
Franklin	308	4	8	25	54	61	50	34	72		
Percentage of Total		1.3	2.6	8.1	17.5	19.8	16.2	11.0	23.4		
Granville	236	13	18	27	49	27	35	13	26	25	3
Percentage of Total		5.5	7.6	11.4	20.8	11.4	14.8	5.5	11.0	10.6	1.3
Person	201	7	24	23	41	32	27	15	14	14	4
Percentage of Total		3.5	11.9	11.4	20.4	15.9	13.4	7.5	7.0	7.0	2.0
Vance	337	8	26	36	76	58	57	19	57		
Percentage of Total		2.4	7.7	10.7	22.6	17.2	16.9	5.6	16.9		
Warren	243	10	18	19	29	42	47	25	28	21	4
Percentage of Total		4.1	7.4	7.8	11.9	17.3	19.3	10.3	11.5	8.6	1.6
DISTRICT TOTALS	1325	42	94	130	249	220	216	106	197	60	11
Percentage of Total		3.2	7.1	9.8	18.8	16.6	16.3	8.0	14.9	4.5	0.8

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Wake	1932	68	159	189	353	219	216	126	202	275	125
Percentage of Total		3.5	8.2	9.8	18.3	11.3	11.2	6.5	10.5	14.2	6.5
DISTRICT TOTALS	1932	68	159	189	353	219	216	126	202	275	125
Percentage of Total		3.5	8.2	9.8	18.3	11.3	11.2	6.5	10.5	14.2	6.5
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>											
Harnett	466	15	37	51	91	51	77	47	47	34	16
Percentage of Total		3.2	7.9	10.9	19.5	10.9	16.5	10.1	10.1	7.3	3.4
Johnston	581	23	59	90	182	68	53	20	86		
Percentage of Total		4.0	10.2	15.5	31.3	11.7	9.1	3.4	14.8		
Lee	310	10	16	26	46	51	34	43	59	15	10
Percentage of Total		3.2	5.2	8.4	14.8	16.5	11.0	13.9	19.0	4.8	3.2
DISTRICT TOTALS	1357	48	112	167	319	170	164	110	192	49	26
Percentage of Total		3.5	8.3	12.3	23.5	12.5	12.1	8.1	14.1	3.6	1.9
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cumberland	776	25	71	101	163	178	85	34	57	46	16
Percentage of Total		3.2	9.1	13.0	21.0	22.9	11.0	4.4	7.3	5.9	2.1
Hoke	109	5	5	12	14	24	23	6	19	1	
Percentage of Total		4.6	4.6	11.0	12.8	22.0	21.1	5.5	17.4	0.9	
DISTRICT TOTALS	885	30	76	113	177	202	108	40	76	47	16
Percentage of Total		3.4	8.6	12.8	20.0	22.8	12.2	4.5	8.6	5.3	1.8
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bladen	146	11	18	16	25	27	23	9	17		
Percentage of Total		7.5	12.3	11.0	17.1	18.5	15.8	6.2	11.6		
Brunswick	131	7	18	24	20	18	25	6	13		
Percentage of Total		5.3	13.7	18.3	15.3	13.7	19.1	4.6	9.9		
Columbus	357	19	28	43	74	47	49	27	43	18	9
Percentage of Total		5.3	7.8	12.0	20.7	13.2	13.7	7.6	12.0	5.0	2.5
DISTRICT TOTALS	634	37	64	83	119	92	97	42	73	18	9
Percentage of Total		5.8	10.1	13.1	18.8	14.5	15.3	6.6	11.5	2.8	1.4
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>											
Durham	1406	64	96	140	248	193	233	135	145	103	49
Percentage of Total		4.6	6.8	10.0	17.6	13.7	16.6	9.6	10.3	7.3	3.5
DISTRICT TOTALS	1406	64	96	140	248	193	233	135	145	103	49
Percentage of Total		4.6	6.8	10.0	17.6	13.7	16.6	9.6	10.3	7.3	3.5
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>											
Alamance	500	24	55	77	128	102	66	24	24		
Percentage of Total		4.8	11.0	15.4	25.6	20.4	13.2	4.8	4.8		
Chatham	308	13	28	29	53	51	49	35	50		
Percentage of Total		4.2	9.1	9.4	17.2	16.6	15.9	11.4	16.2		
Orange	552	20	42	54	92	81	85	72	73	31	2
Percentage of Total		3.6	7.6	9.8	16.7	14.7	15.4	13.0	13.2	5.6	0.4
DISTRICT TOTALS	1360	57	125	160	273	234	200	131	147	31	2
Percentage of Total		4.2	9.2	11.8	20.1	17.2	14.7	9.6	10.8	2.3	0.1

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Robeson	727	35	45	75	111	137	125	96	102	1	
Percentage of Total		4.8	6.2	10.3	15.3	18.8	17.2	13.2	14.0	0.1	
Scotland	222	5	19	25	35	16	45	20	41	16	
Percentage of Total		2.3	8.6	11.3	15.8	7.2	20.3	9.0	18.5	7.2	
DISTRICT TOTALS	949	40	64	100	146	153	170	116	143	17	
Percentage of Total		4.2	6.7	10.5	15.4	16.1	17.9	12.2	15.1	1.8	
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>											
Caswell	118	9	14	16	25	20	12	6	4	9	3
Percentage of Total		7.6	11.9	13.6	21.2	16.9	10.2	5.1	3.4	7.6	2.5
Rockingham	601	19	68	50	75	77	109	74	129		
Percentage of Total		3.2	11.3	8.3	12.5	12.8	18.1	12.3	21.5		
Stokes	157	13	11	27	37	28	11	16	14		
Percentage of Total		8.3	7.0	17.2	23.6	17.8	7.0	10.2	8.9		
Surry	442	24	32	45	94	53	56	31	39	49	19
Percentage of Total		5.4	7.2	10.2	21.3	12.0	12.7	7.0	8.8	11.1	4.3
DISTRICT TOTALS	1318	65	125	138	231	178	188	127	186	58	22
Percentage of Total		4.9	9.5	10.5	17.5	13.5	14.3	9.6	14.1	4.4	1.7
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>											
Guilford	2429	102	213	259	426	425	264	162	245	232	101
Percentage of Total		4.2	8.8	10.7	17.5	17.5	10.9	6.7	10.1	9.6	4.2
DISTRICT TOTALS	2429	102	213	259	426	425	264	162	245	232	101
Percentage of Total		4.2	8.8	10.7	17.5	17.5	10.9	6.7	10.1	9.6	4.2
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cabarrus	631	23	53	78	107	84	91	109	51	31	4
Percentage of Total		3.6	8.4	12.4	17.0	13.3	14.4	17.3	8.1	4.9	0.6
Montgomery	186	10	13	23	31	32	37	23	15	2	
Percentage of Total		5.4	7.0	12.4	16.7	17.2	19.9	12.4	8.1	1.1	
Randolph	494	18	61	62	105	74	66	45	43	15	5
Percentage of Total		3.6	12.3	12.6	21.3	15.0	13.4	9.1	8.7	3.0	1.0
Rowan	827	39	80	136	137	93	113	71	158		
Percentage of Total		4.7	9.7	16.4	16.6	11.2	13.7	8.6	19.1		
DISTRICT TOTALS	2138	90	207	299	380	283	307	248	267	48	9
Percentage of Total		4.2	9.7	14.0	17.8	13.2	14.4	11.6	12.5	2.2	0.4
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>											
Anson	417	5	15	23	38	43	55	46	191	1	
Percentage of Total		1.2	3.6	5.5	9.1	10.3	13.2	11.0	45.8	0.2	
Moore	467	20	42	61	76	75	68	47	78		
Percentage of Total		4.3	9.0	13.1	16.3	16.1	14.6	10.1	16.7		
Richmond	362	16	35	31	71	65	74	42	28		
Percentage of Total		4.4	9.7	8.6	19.6	18.0	20.4	11.6	7.7		
Stanly	865	22	49	65	94	60	53	51	126	204	141
Percentage of Total		2.5	5.7	7.5	10.9	6.9	6.1	5.9	14.6	23.6	16.3
Union	445	28	41	58	79	70	76	42	29	13	9
Percentage of Total		6.3	9.2	13.0	17.8	15.7	17.1	9.4	6.5	2.9	2.0
DISTRICT TOTALS	2556	91	182	238	358	313	326	228	452	218	150
Percentage of Total		3.6	7.1	9.3	14.0	12.2	12.8	8.9	17.7	8.5	5.9

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<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 6 Years	6 Years To 10 Years	10 Years To 20 Years	Greater Than 20 Years
Forsyth	1879	63	175	222	369	283	230	111	138	159	129
Percentage of Total		3.4	9.3	11.8	19.6	15.1	12.2	5.9	7.3	8.5	6.9
DISTRICT TOTALS	1879	63	175	222	369	283	230	111	138	159	129
Percentage of Total		3.4	9.3	11.8	19.6	15.1	12.2	5.9	7.3	8.5	6.9
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>											
Alexander	81	2	8	14	22	11	15	9			
Percentage of Total		2.5	9.9	17.3	27.2	13.6	18.5	11.2			
Davidson	632	38	59	83	125	107	77	38	50	44	11
Percentage of Total		6.0	9.3	13.1	19.8	16.9	12.2	6.0	7.9	7.0	1.7
Davie	117	6	6	18	25	20	15	3	18	5	1
Percentage of Total		5.1	5.1	15.4	21.4	17.1	12.8	2.6	15.4	4.3	0.9
Iredell	584	21	54	82	123	83	70	49	37	49	16
Percentage of Total		3.6	9.2	14.0	21.1	14.2	12.0	8.4	6.3	8.4	2.7
DISTRICT TOTALS	1414	67	127	197	295	221	177	99	105	98	28
DISTRICT TOTALS		4.7	9.0	13.9	20.9	15.6	12.5	7.0	7.4	6.9	2.0
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>											
Alleghany	81	4	15	9	13	11	6	6	17		
Percentage of Total		4.9	18.5	11.1	16.0	13.6	7.4	7.4	21.0		
Ashe	115	8	14	14	22	17	15	12	13		
Percentage of Total		7.0	12.2	12.2	19.1	14.8	13.0	10.4	11.3		
Wilkes	297	8	27	31	62	46	37	47	20	16	3
Percentage of Total		2.7	9.1	10.4	20.9	15.5	12.5	15.8	6.7	5.4	1.0
Yadkin	240	11	21	32	47	32	31	22	26	11	7
Percentage of Total		4.6	8.8	13.3	19.6	13.3	12.9	9.2	10.8	4.6	2.9
DISTRICT TOTALS	733	31	77	86	144	106	89	87	76	27	10
Percentage of Total		4.2	10.5	11.7	19.6	14.5	12.1	11.9	10.4	3.7	1.4
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>											
Avery	103	3	8	13	22	16	15	8	9	3	6
Percentage of Total		2.9	7.8	12.6	21.4	15.5	14.6	7.8	8.7	2.9	5.8
Madison	168	5	23	20	29	28	16	18	13	10	6
Percentage of Total		3.0	13.7	11.9	17.3	16.7	9.5	10.7	7.7	6.0	3.6
Mitchell	216	5	17	31	24	28	53	31	22	3	2
Percentage of Total		2.3	7.9	14.4	11.1	13.0	24.5	14.4	10.2	1.4	0.9
Watauga	168	8	20	25	32	30	26	14	9	4	
Percentage of Total		4.8	11.9	14.9	19.0	17.9	15.5	8.3	5.4	2.4	
Yancey	91	10	2	13	14	19	12	5	16		
Percentage of Total		11.0	2.2	14.3	15.4	20.9	13.2	5.5	17.6		
DISTRICT TOTALS	746	31	70	102	121	121	122	76	69	20	14
Percentage of Total		4.2	9.4	13.7	16.2	16.2	16.4	10.2	9.2	2.7	1.9
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>											
Burke	696	29	48	50	88	77	106	114	183	1	
Percentage of Total		4.2	6.9	7.2	12.6	11.1	15.2	16.4	26.3	0.1	
Caldwell	436	10	31	66	70	62	74	61	62		
Percentage of Total		2.3	7.1	15.1	16.1	14.2	17.0	14.0	14.2		
Catawba	795	31	67	90	128	112	132	81	153	1	
Percentage of Total		3.9	8.4	11.3	16.1	14.1	16.6	10.2	19.2	0.1	
DISTRICT TOTALS	1927	70	146	206	286	251	312	256	398	2	
Percentage of Total		3.6	7.6	10.7	14.8	13.0	16.2	13.3	20.7	0.1	

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Mecklenburg	3153	122	229	298	468	423	489	290	834		
Percentage of Total		3.9	7.3	9.5	14.8	13.4	15.5	9.2	26.5		
DISTRICT TOTALS	3153	122	229	298	468	423	489	290	834		
Percentage of Total		3.9	7.3	9.5	14.8	13.4	15.5	9.2	26.5		
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cleveland	413	17	59	137	80	59	32	14	15		
Percentage of Total		4.1	14.3	33.2	19.4	14.3	7.7	3.4	3.6		
Gaston	941	50	94	102	195	163	114	70	65	69	19
Percentage of Total		5.3	10.0	10.8	20.7	17.3	12.1	7.4	6.9	7.3	2.0
Lincoln	224	19	29	26	52	32	14	13	13	23	3
Percentage of Total		8.5	12.9	11.6	23.2	14.3	6.3	5.8	5.8	10.3	1.3
DISTRICT TOTALS	1578	86	182	265	327	254	160	97	93	92	22
Percentage of Total		5.4	11.5	6.8	20.7	16.1	10.1	6.1	5.9	5.8	1.4
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>											
Buncombe	2217	61	152	203	333	330	396	257	479	5	1
Percentage of Total		2.8	6.9	9.2	15.0	14.9	17.9	11.6	21.6	0.2	
DISTRICT TOTALS	2217	61	152	203	333	330	396	257	479	5	1
Percentage of Total		2.8	6.9	9.2	15.0	14.9	17.9	11.6	21.6	0.2	
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>											
Henderson	513	29	45	48	111	51	83	34	85	21	6
Percentage of Total		5.7	8.8	9.4	21.6	9.9	16.2	6.6	16.6	4.1	1.2
McDowell	175	14	16	22	39	30	30	14	10		
Percentage of Total		8.0	9.1	12.6	22.3	17.1	17.1	8.0	5.7		
Polk	179	2	15	13	35	43	31	13	27		
Percentage of Total		1.1	8.4	7.3	19.6	24.0	17.3	7.3	15.1		
Rutherford	361	13	47	41	75	64	44	27	17	28	5
Percentage of Total		3.6	13.0	11.4	20.8	17.7	12.2	7.5	4.7	7.8	1.4
Transylvania	251	17	7	32	45	36	47	37	27	2	1
Percentage of Total		6.8	2.8	12.7	17.9	14.3	18.7	14.7	10.8	0.8	0.4
DISTRICT TOTALS	1479	75	130	156	305	224	235	125	166	51	12
Percentage of Total		5.1	8.8	10.5	20.6	15.1	15.9	8.5	11.2	3.4	0.8
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cherokee	120	5	9	15	14	14	16	21	25	1	
Percentage of Total		4.2	7.5	12.5	11.7	11.7	13.3	17.5	20.8	0.8	
Clay	32	2	5	4	8	3	8		1	1	
Percentage of Total		6.3	15.6	12.5	25.0	9.4	25.0		3.1	3.1	
Graham	57	3	7	13	8	9	12	5			
Percentage of Total		5.3	12.3	22.8	14.0	15.8	21.1	8.8			
Haywood	358	14	35	32	78	56	61	28	54		
Percentage of Total		3.9	9.8	8.9	21.8	15.6	17.0	7.8	15.1		
Jackson	205	7	13	27	37	37	43	18	22	1	
Percentage of Total		3.4	6.3	13.2	18.0	18.0	21.0	8.8	10.7	0.5	
Macon	243	6	16	25	47	38	47	24	40		
Percentage of Total		2.5	6.6	10.3	19.3	15.6	19.3	9.9	16.5		
Swain	72	3	4	10	17	14	9	5	4	4	2
Percentage of Total		4.2	5.6	13.9	23.6	19.4	12.5	6.9	5.6	5.6	2.8
DISTRICT TOTALS	1087	40	89	126	209	171	196	101	146	7	2
Percentage of Total		3.7	8.2	11.6	19.2	15.7	18.0	9.3	13.4	0.6	0.2
STATE TOTALS	43630	1754	3603	4779	7618	6304	6179	3852	6305	2226	1010
Percentage of Total		4.0	8.3	11.0	17.5	14.4	14.2	8.8	14.5	5.1	2.3

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	Pending 1/1/76	Filed 1976	Total Caseload	Disposed of 1976	Pending 12/31/76	Increase or Decrease
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>						
Camden	11	22	33	16	17	+ 6
Chowan	43	82	125	53	72	+ 29
Currituck	30	65	95	58	37	+ 7
Dare	27	81	108	41	67	+ 40
Gates	36	23	59	15	44	+ 8
Pasquotank	75	94	169	93	76	+ 1
Perquimans	52	20	72	38	34	- 18
TOTAL	274	387	661	314	347	+ 73
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>						
Beaufort	332	157	489	150	339	+ 7
Hyde	29	45	74	41	33	+ 4
Martin	122	133	255	142	113	- 9
Tyrrell	14	21	35	19	16	+ 2
Washington	75	59	134	67	67	- 8
TOTAL	572	415	987	419	568	- 4
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>						
Carteret	174	190	364	145	219	+ 45
Craven	201	250	451	264	187	- 14
Pamlico	39	35	74	27	47	+ 8
Pitt	134	379	513	382	131	- 3
TOTAL	548	854	1402	818	584	+ 36
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>						
Duplin	410	254	664	245	419	+ 9
Jones	35	55	90	50	40	+ 5
Onslow	246	314	560	258	302	+ 56
Sampson	304	177	481	169	312	+ 8
TOTAL	995	800	1795	722	1073	+ 78
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>						
New Hanover	667	616	1283	273	1010	+ 343
Pender	235	101	336	92	244	+ 9
TOTAL	902	717	1619	365	1254	+ 352
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>						
Bertie	116	110	226	62	164	+ 48
Halifax	387	294	681	236	445	+ 58
Hertford	81	101	182	77	105	+ 24
Northampton	114	89	203	118	85	- 29
TOTAL	698	594	1292	493	799	+ 101
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>						
Edgecombe	82	258	340	234	106	+ 24
Nash	210	241	451	223	228	+ 18
Wilson	336	298	634	276	358	+ 22
TOTAL	628	797	1425	733	692	+ 64

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<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>						
Greene	55	76	131	62	69	+ 14
Lenoir	150	278	428	236	192	+ 42
Wayne	270	1304	1574	1304	270
TOTAL	475	1658	2133	1602	531	+ 56
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>						
Franklin	174	198	372	269	103	- 71
Granville	580	767	1347	1260	87	- 493
Person	166	147	313	119	194	+ 28
Vance	169	139	308	238	70	- 99
Warren	159	85	244	48	196	+ 37
TOTAL	1248	1336	2584	1934	650	- 598
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>						
Wake	482	1250	1732	1148	584	+ 102
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>						
Harnett	278	230	508	171	337	+ 59
Johnston	374	570	944	591	353	- 21
Lee	168	153	321	120	201	+ 33
TOTAL	820	953	1773	882	891	+ 71
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cumberland	580	1171	1751	1266	485	- 95
Hoke	78	61	139	82	57	- 21
TOTAL	658	1232	1890	1348	542	- 116
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>						
Bladen	104	118	222	103	119	+ 15
Brunswick	165	217	382	227	155	- 10
Columbus	200	148	348	122	226	+ 26
TOTAL	469	483	952	452	500	+ 31
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>						
Durham	529	839	1368	786	582	+ 53
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>						
Alamance	192	306	498	267	231	+ 39
Chatham	330	118	448	248	200	- 130
Orange	139	505	644	451	193	+ 54
TOTAL	661	929	1590	966	624	- 37
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>						
Robeson	415	421	836	428	408	- 7
Scotland	89	89	178	82	96	+ 7
TOTAL	504	510	1014	510	504

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<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>						
Caswell	70	72	142	71	71	+ 1
Rockingham	414	365	779	368	411	- 3
Stokes	99	117	216	164	52	- 47
Surry	169	175	344	205	139	- 30
TOTAL	752	729	1481	808	673	- 79
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>						
Guilford	804	1753	2557	1773	84	- 20
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cabarrus	183	312	495	295	200	+ 17
Montgomery	63	100	163	89	74	+ 11
Randolph	339	262	601	316	285	- 54
Rowan	60	683	743	589	154	+ 94
TOTAL	645	1357	2002	1289	713	+ 68
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>						
Anson	251	97	348	111	237	- 14
Moore	161	245	406	259	147	- 14
Richmond	250	154	404	92	312	+ 62
Stanly	210	205	415	195	220	+ 10
Union	147	241	388	258	130	- 17
TOTAL	1019	942	1961	915	1046	+ 27
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>						
Forsyth	558	1011	1569	1282	287	- 271
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>						
Alexander	98	64	162	71	91	- 7
Davidson	231	340	571	364	207	- 24
Davie	70	86	156	105	51	- 19
Iredell	307	348	655	542	113	- 194
TOTAL	706	838	1544	1082	462	- 244
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>						
Alleghany	37	55	92	63	29	- 8
Ashe	37	95	132	97	35	- 2
Wilkes	222	408	630	428	202	- 20
Yadkin	83	100	183	91	92	+ 9
TOTAL	379	658	1037	679	358	- 21
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>						
Avery	52	102	154	91	63	+ 11
Madison	54	74	128	55	73	+ 19
Mitchell	17	61	78	33	45	+ 28
Watauga	38	133	171	77	94	+ 56
Yancey	30	65	95	63	32	+ 2
TOTAL	191	435	626	319	307	+ 116

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<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>						
Burke	922	643	1565	1331	234	- 688
Caldwell	362	236	598	242	356	- 6
Catawba	248	459	707	407	300	+ 52
TOTAL	1532	1338	2870	1980	890	- 642
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>						
Mecklenburg	1472	1731	3203	2051	1152	- 320
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cleveland	187	361	548	331	217	+ 30
Gaston	755	941	1696	888	808	+ 53
Lincoln	164	211	375	312	63	- 101
TOTAL	1106	1513	2619	1531	1088	- 18
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>						
Buncombe	472	861	1333	813	520	+ 48
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>						
Henderson	341	311	652	261	391	+ 50
McDowell	213	153	366	182	184	- 29
Polk	34	49	83	62	21	- 13
Rutherford	164	176	340	195	145	- 19
Transylvania	202	123	325	261	64	- 138
TOTAL	954	812	1766	961	805	- 149
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cherokee	50	73	123	93	30	- 20
Clay	22	22	44	28	16	- 6
Graham	8	14	22	14	8
Haywood	173	183	356	160	196	+ 23
Jackson	64	113	177	64	113	+ 49
Macon	121	68	189	74	115	- 6
Swain	56	49	105	60	45	- 11
TOTAL	494	522	1016	493	523	+ 29
GRAND TOTAL	21,547	28,254	49,801	29,468	20,333	-1214

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST RATIOS OF SPECIAL PROCEEDING
DISPOSITIONS TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Granville	1347	1260	93.5
Burke	1565	1331	85.1
Lincoln	375	312	83.2
Wayne	1574	1304	82.8
Iredell	655	542	82.8
Forsyth	1569	1282	81.7
Transylvania	325	261	80.3
Rowan	743	589	79.3
Vance	308	238	77.3
Stokes	216	164	75.9
STATE MEAN	498	295	59.2

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH LOWEST RATIOS OF SPECIAL
PROCEEDING DISPOSITIONS TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Warren	244	48	19.7
New Hanover	1283	273	21.3
Richmond	404	92	22.8
Gates	59	15	25.4
Bertie	226	62	27.4
Pender	336	92	27.4
Beaufort	489	150	30.7
Anson	348	111	31.9
Harnett	508	171	33.7
Halifax	681	236	34.7
STATE MEAN	498	295	59.2

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Camden	17	2	2	3	4		2	4			
Percentage of Total		11.8	11.8	17.6	23.5		11.8	23.5			
Chowan	72	2	4	6	3	5	16	8	26	2	
Percentage of Total		2.8	5.6	8.3	4.2	6.9	22.2	11.1	36.1	2.8	
Currituck	37	2	4	6	8	8	4	2	3		
Percentage of Total		5.4	10.8	16.2	21.6	21.6	10.8	5.4	8.1		
Dare	67	7	6	8	12	19	10	2	3		
Percentage of Total		10.4	9.0	11.9	17.9	28.4	14.9	3.0	4.5		
Gates	44	1		3	4	8	16	9	3		
Percentage of Total		2.3		6.8	9.1	18.2	36.4	20.5	6.8		
Pasquotank	76	3	5	9	12	7	12	6	22		
Percentage of Total		3.9	6.6	11.8	15.8	9.2	15.8	7.9	28.9		
Perquimans	34	1	1	2	2	2	12	5	9		
Percentage of Total		2.9	2.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	35.3	14.7	26.5		
District Totals	347	18	22	37	45	49	72	36	66	2	
Percentage of Total		5.2	6.3	10.7	13.0	14.1	20.7	10.4	19.0	0.6	
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>											
Beaufort	339	6	15	11	26	20	57	43	161		
Percentage of Total		1.8	4.4	3.2	7.7	5.9	16.8	12.7	47.5		
Hyde	33	5	5	3	5	1	6	1			7
Percentage of Total		15.2	15.2	9.1	15.2	3.0	18.2	3.0			21.2
Martin	113	11	10	7	14	18	30	13	10		
Percentage of Total		9.7	8.8	6.2	12.4	15.9	26.5	11.5	8.8		
Tyrrell	16		1	2	6	1	4		2		
Percentage of Total			6.3	12.5	37.5	6.3	25.0		12.5		
Washington	67	3	5	5	7	16	19	3	3	4	2
Percentage of Total		4.5	7.5	7.5	10.4	23.9	28.4	4.5	4.5	6.0	3.0
District Totals	568	25	36	28	58	56	116	60	176	4	9
Percentage of Total		4.4	6.3	4.9	10.2	9.9	20.4	10.6	31.0	0.7	1.6
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>											
Carteret	219	9	19	31	35	40	63	8	12	1	1
Percentage of Total		4.1	8.7	14.2	16.0	18.3	28.8	3.7	5.5	0.5	0.5
Craven	187	17	21	31	30	34	30	13	11		
Percentage of Total		9.1	11.2	16.6	16.0	18.2	16.0	7.0	5.9		
Pamlico	47	2		6	9	5	8	2	5	8	2
Percentage of Total		4.3		12.8	19.1	10.6	17.0	4.3	10.6	17.0	4.3
Pitt	131	20	21	23	13	21	21	5	7		
Percentage of Total		15.3	16.0	17.6	9.9	16.0	16.0	3.8	5.3		
District Totals	584	48	61	91	87	100	122	28	35	9	3
Percentage of Total		8.2	10.4	15.6	14.9	17.1	20.9	4.8	6.0	1.5	0.5
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>											
Duplin	419	16	12	22	30	54	110	62	113		
Percentage of Total		3.8	2.9	5.3	7.2	12.9	26.3	14.8	27.0		
Jones	40	3	8	6	4	6	8	1	4		
Percentage of Total		7.5	20.0	15.0	10.0	15.0	20.0	2.5	10.0		
Onslow	302	24	27	39	39	50	48	17	11	33	14
Percentage of Total		7.9	8.9	12.9	12.9	16.6	15.9	5.6	3.6	10.9	4.6
Sampson	312	6	16	15	25	31	115	63	41		
Percentage of Total		1.9	5.1	4.8	8.0	9.9	36.9	20.2	13.1		
District Totals	1073	49	63	82	98	141	281	143	169	33	14
Percentage of Total		4.6	5.9	7.6	9.1	13.1	26.2	13.3	15.8	3.1	1.3

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New Hanover	1010	32	55	86	159	186	293	95	75	21	8
Percentage of Total		3.2	5.4	8.5	15.7	18.4	29.0	9.4	7.4	2.1	0.8
Pender	244	6	12	9	17	11	43	46	47	23	30
Percentage of Total		2.5	4.9	3.7	7.0	4.5	17.6	18.9	19.3	9.4	12.3
District Totals	1254	38	67	95	176	197	336	141	122	44	38
Percentage of Total		3.0	5.3	7.6	14.0	15.7	26.8	11.2	9.7	3.5	3.0
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bertie	164	7	13	11	18	36	31	14	22	7	5
Percentage of Total		4.3	7.9	6.7	11.0	22.0	18.9	8.5	13.4	4.3	3.0
Halifax	445	13	18	18	25	34	117	69	129	16	6
Percentage of Total		2.9	4.0	4.0	5.6	7.6	26.3	15.5	29.0	3.6	1.3
Hertford	105	4	8	9	14	12	28	9	21		
Percentage of Total		3.8	7.6	8.6	13.3	11.4	26.7	8.6	20.0		
Northampton	85	4	8	11	4	8	37	5	8		
Percentage of Total		4.7	9.4	12.9	4.7	9.4	43.5	5.9	9.4		
District Totals	799	28	47	49	61	90	213	97	180	23	11
Percentage of Total		3.5	5.9	6.1	7.6	11.3	26.7	12.1	22.5	2.9	1.4
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>											
Edgecombe	106	7	23	15	21	8	15	9	4	4	
Percentage of Total		6.6	21.7	14.2	19.8	7.5	14.2	8.5	3.8	3.8	
Nash	228	14	20	29	20	27	35	27	55	1	
Percentage of Total		6.1	8.8	12.7	8.8	11.8	15.4	11.8	24.1	0.4	
Wilson	358	15	21	28	28	25	110	44	80	7	
Percentage of Total		4.2	5.9	7.8	7.8	7.0	30.7	12.3	22.3	2.0	
District Totals	692	36	64	72	69	60	160	80	139	12	
Percentage of Total		5.2	9.2	10.4	10.0	8.7	23.1	11.6	20.1	1.7	
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>											
Greene	69	3	4	8	8	14	19	8	5		
Percentage of Total		4.3	5.8	11.6	11.6	20.3	27.5	11.6	7.2		
Lenoir	192	12	16	28	37	27	49	5	10	7	1
Percentage of Total		6.3	8.3	14.6	19.3	14.1	25.5	2.6	5.2	3.6	0.5
Wayne	270	24	43	34	28	35	52	31	17	5	1
Percentage of Total		8.9	15.9	12.6	10.4	13.0	19.3	11.5	6.3	1.9	0.4
District Totals	531	39	63	70	73	76	120	44	32	12	2
Percentage of Total		7.3	11.9	13.2	13.7	14.3	22.6	8.3	6.0	2.3	0.4
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>											
Franklin	103	6	10	14	21	12	16	15	9		
Percentage of Total		5.8	9.7	13.6	20.4	11.7	15.5	14.6	8.7		
Granville	87	10	11	8	15	11	19	5	7	1	
Percentage of Total		11.5	12.6	9.2	17.2	12.6	21.8	5.7	8.0	1.1	
Person	194	3	17	14	17	27	48	32	36		
Percentage of Total		1.5	8.8	7.2	8.8	13.9	24.7	16.5	18.6		
Vance	70	5	10	6	17	12	8	9	3		
Percentage of Total		7.1	14.3	8.6	24.3	17.1	11.4	12.9	4.3		
Warren	196	4	10	12	23	36	42	20	25	19	5
Percentage of Total		2.0	5.1	6.1	11.7	18.4	21.4	10.2	12.8	9.7	2.6
District Totals	650	28	58	54	93	98	133	81	80	20	5
Percentage of Total		4.3	8.9	8.3	14.3	15.1	20.5	12.5	12.3	3.1	0.8

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Wake	584	58	106	90	105	85	57	35	37	11	
Percentage of Total		9.9	18.2	15.4	18.0	14.6	9.8	6.0	6.3	1.9	
District Totals	584	58	106	90	105	85	57	35	37	11	
Percentage of Total		9.9	18.2	15.4	18.0	14.6	9.8	6.0	6.3	1.9	
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>											
Harnett	337	10	21	27	32	43	89	48	45	22	
Percentage of Total		3.0	6.2	8.0	9.5	12.8	26.4	14.2	13.4	6.5	
Johnston	353	17	44	48	152	64	16	4	8		
Percentage of Total		4.8	12.5	13.6	43.1	18.1	4.5	1.1	2.3		
Lee	201	6	14	24	26	31	35	36	29		
Percentage of Total		3.0	7.0	11.9	12.9	15.4	17.4	17.9	14.4		
District Totals	891	33	79	99	210	138	140	88	82	22	
Percentage of Total		3.7	8.9	11.1	23.6	15.5	15.7	9.9	9.2	2.5	
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cumberland	485	48	114	92	86	84	55	4	2		
Percentage of Total		9.9	23.5	19.0	17.7	17.3	11.3	0.8	0.4		
Hoke	57	1	7	2	3	11	17	8	8		
Percentage of Total		1.8	12.3	3.5	5.3	19.3	29.8	14.0	14.0		
District Totals	542	49	121	94	89	95	72	12	10		
Percentage of Total		9.0	22.3	17.3	16.4	17.5	13.3	2.2	1.8		
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bladen	119	5	12	13	13	22	27	14	13		
Percentage of Total		4.2	10.1	10.9	10.9	18.5	22.7	11.8	10.9		
Brunswick	155	11	29	16	15	27	29	18	7	3	
Percentage of Total		7.1	18.7	10.3	9.7	17.4	18.7	11.6	4.5	1.9	
Columbus	226	9	14	20	28	45	45	30	35		
Percentage of Total		4.0	6.2	8.8	12.4	19.9	19.9	13.3	15.5		
District Totals	500	25	55	49	56	94	101	62	55	3	
Percentage of Total		5.0	11.0	9.8	11.2	18.8	20.2	12.4	11.0	0.6	
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>											
Durham	582	10	35	71	73	122	176	28	65	2	
Percentage of Total		1.7	6.0	12.2	12.5	21.0	30.2	4.8	11.2	0.3	
District Totals	582	10	35	71	73	122	176	28	65	2	
Percentage of Total		1.7	6.0	12.2	12.5	21.0	30.2	4.8	11.2	0.3	
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>											
Alamance	231	18	33	53	36	52	31	5	3		
Percentage of Total		7.8	14.3	22.9	15.6	22.5	13.4	2.2	1.3		
Chatham	200	11	7	5	24	15	50	27	61		
Percentage of Total		5.5	3.5	2.5	12.0	7.5	25.0	13.5	30.5		
Orange	193	15	28	15	33	45	22	17	18		
Percentage of Total		7.8	14.5	7.8	17.1	23.3	11.4	8.8	9.3		
District Totals	624	44	68	73	93	112	103	49	82		
Percentage of Total		7.1	10.9	11.7	14.9	17.9	16.5	7.9	13.1		

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<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>											
Robeson	408	21	23	34	53	78	94	54	50	1	
Percentage of Total		5.1	5.6	8.3	13.0	19.1	23.0	13.2	12.3	0.2	
Scotland	96	6	4	12	14	9	13	16	13	6	3
Percentage of Total		6.3	4.2	12.5	14.6	9.4	13.5	16.7	13.5	6.3	3.1
District Totals	504	27	27	46	67	87	107	70	63	7	3
Percentage of Total		5.4	5.4	9.1	13.3	17.3	21.2	13.9	12.5	1.4	0.6
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>											
Caswell	71	2	8	8	7	14	17	8	7		
Percentage of Total		2.8	11.3	11.3	9.9	19.7	23.9	11.3	9.9		
Rockingham	411	13	24	46	51	68	99	43	67		
Percentage of Total		3.2	5.8	11.2	12.4	16.5	24.1	10.5	16.3		
Stokes	52	5	11	11	15	5	2	2	1		
Percentage of Total		9.6	21.2	21.2	28.8	9.6	3.8	3.8	1.9		
Surry	139	12	18	18	12	24	26	7	11	7	4
Percentage of Total		8.6	12.9	12.9	8.6	17.3	18.7	5.0	7.9	5.0	2.9
District Totals	673	32	61	83	85	111	144	60	86	7	4
Percentage of Total		4.8	9.1	12.3	12.6	16.5	21.4	8.9	12.8	1.0	0.6
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>											
Guilford	781	34	114	118	93	144	105	83	90		
Percentage of Total		4.4	14.6	15.1	11.9	18.4	13.4	10.6	11.5		
High Point	3		3								
Percentage of Total			100.0								
District Totals	784	34	117	118	93	144	105	83	90		
Percentage of Total		4.3	14.9	15.1	11.9	18.4	13.4	10.6	11.5		
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cabarrus	200	13	29	26	22	44	51	5	8	2	
Percentage of Total		6.5	14.5	13.0	11.0	22.0	25.5	2.5	4.0	1.0	
Montgomery	74	3	14	9	15	20	11	2			
Percentage of Total		4.1	18.9	12.2	20.3	27.0	14.9	2.7			
Randolph	285	23	13	25	36	47	65	18	39	18	1
Percentage of Total		8.1	4.6	8.8	12.6	16.5	22.8	6.3	13.7	6.3	0.4
Rowan	154	28	43	10	31	26	16				
Percentage of Total		18.2	27.9	6.5	20.1	16.9	10.4				
District Totals	713	67	99	70	104	137	143	25	47	20	1
Percentage of Total		9.4	13.9	9.8	14.6	19.2	20.1	3.5	6.6	2.8	0.1
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>											
Anson	237	3	4	6	8	14	36	48	118		
Percentage of Total		1.3	1.7	2.5	3.4	5.9	15.2	20.3	49.8		
Moore	147	5	19	28	25	18	39	7	6		
Percentage of Total		3.4	12.9	19.0	17.0	12.2	26.5	4.8	4.1		
Richmond	312	6	18	28	32	61	57	34	68	8	
Percentage of Total		1.9	5.8	9.0	10.3	19.6	18.3	10.9	21.8	2.6	
Stanly	220	11	23	10	28	20	51	10	31	22	14
Percentage of Total		5.0	10.5	4.5	12.7	9.1	23.2	4.5	14.1	10.0	6.4
Union	130	12	28	22	17	12	29	7	3		
Percentage of Total		9.2	21.5	16.9	13.1	9.2	22.3	5.4	2.3		
District Totals	1046	37	92	94	110	125	212	106	226	30	14
Percentage of Total		3.5	8.8	9.0	10.5	12.0	20.3	10.1	21.6	2.9	1.3

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Forsyth	287	33	46	51	67	50	29	9	2		
Percentage of Total		11.5	16.0	17.8	23.3	17.4	10.1	3.1	0.7		
District Totals	287	33	46	51	67	50	29	9	2		
Percentage of Total		11.5	16.0	17.8	23.3	17.4	10.1	3.1	0.7		
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>											
Alexander	91	2	8	13	17	21	17	5	8		
Percentage of Total		2.2	8.8	14.3	18.7	23.1	18.7	5.5	8.8		
Davidson	207	21	30	32	29	29	40	9	17		
Percentage of Total		10.1	14.5	15.5	14.0	14.0	19.3	4.3	8.2		
Davie	51	2	8	7	6	8	12	7	1		
Percentage of Total		3.9	15.7	13.7	11.8	15.7	23.5	13.7	2.0		
Iredell	113	16	21	16	27	15	11	4	3		
Percentage of Total		14.2	18.6	14.2	23.9	13.3	9.7	3.5	2.7		
District Totals	462	41	67	68	79	73	80	25	29		
Percentage of Total		8.9	14.5	14.7	17.1	15.8	17.3	5.4	6.3		
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>											
Alleghany	29	3	6	4	8	2	4				2
Percentage of Total		10.3	20.7	13.8	27.6	6.9	13.8				6.9
Ashe	35	1	4	5	9	1	12	3			
Percentage of Total		2.9	11.4	14.3	25.7	2.9	34.3	8.6			
Wilkes	202	20	22	20	28	44	37	14	13	4	
Percentage of Total		9.9	10.9	9.9	13.9	21.8	18.3	6.9	6.4	2.0	
Yadkin	92	2	9	19	20	24	12	3	3		
Percentage of Total		2.2	9.8	20.7	21.7	26.1	13.0	3.3	3.3		
District Totals	358	26	41	48	65	71	65	20	16	4	2
Percentage of Total		7.3	11.5	13.4	18.2	19.8	18.2	5.6	4.5	1.1	0.6
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>											
Avery	63	10	7	4	16	15	8	3			
Percentage of Total		15.9	11.1	6.3	25.4	23.8	12.7	4.8			
Madison	73	7	11	8	7	12	24	2	2		
Percentage of Total		9.6	15.1	11.0	9.6	16.4	32.9	2.7	2.7		
Mitchell	45	8	7	3	7	11	9				
Percentage of Total		17.8	15.6	6.7	15.6	24.4	20.0				
Watauga	94	7	14	10	21	27	14		1		
Percentage of Total		7.4	14.9	10.6	22.3	28.7	14.9		1.1		
Yancey	32	2	5	4	6	3	11		1		
Percentage of Total		6.3	15.6	12.5	18.8	9.4	34.4		3.1		
District Totals	307	34	44	29	57	68	66	5	4		
Percentage of Total		11.1	14.3	9.4	18.6	22.1	21.5	1.6	1.3		
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>											
Burke	234	26	27	22	24	34	34	18	48	1	
Percentage of Total		11.1	11.5	9.4	10.3	14.5	14.5	7.7	20.5	0.4	
Caldwell	356	24	22	28	45	37	60	32	108		
Percentage of Total		6.7	6.2	7.9	12.6	10.4	16.9	9.0	30.3		
Catawba	300	26	26	44	42	42	75	21	23	1	
Percentage of Total		8.7	8.7	14.7	14.0	14.0	25.0	7.0	7.7	0.3	
District Totals	890	76	75	94	111	113	169	71	179	2	
Percentage of Total		8.5	8.4	10.6	12.5	12.7	19.0	8.0	20.1	0.2	

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Mecklenburg	1152	76	165	127	176	189	124	57	94	117	27
Percentage of Total		6.6	14.3	11.0	15.3	16.4	10.8	4.9	8.2	10.2	2.3
District Totals	1152	76	165	127	176	189	124	57	94	117	27
Percentage of Total		6.6	14.3	11.0	15.3	16.4	10.8	4.9	8.2	10.2	2.3
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cleveland	217	13	30	39	55	45	28	4	3		
Percentage of Total		6.0	13.8	18.0	25.3	20.7	12.9	1.8	1.4		
Gaston	808	54	52	59	77	128	195	58	66	74	45
Percentage of Total		6.7	6.4	7.3	9.5	15.8	24.1	7.2	8.2	9.2	5.6
Lincoln	63	2	14	16	7	10	13	1			
Percentage of Total		3.2	22.2	25.4	11.1	15.9	20.6	1.6			
District Totals	1088	69	96	114	139	183	236	63	69	74	45
Percentage of Total		6.3	8.8	10.5	12.8	16.8	21.7	5.8	6.3	6.8	4.1
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>											
Buncombe	520	29	61	84	95	131	114	6			
Percentage of Total		5.6	11.7	16.2	18.3	25.2	21.9	1.2			
District Totals	520	29	61	84	95	131	114	6			
Percentage of Total		5.6	11.7	16.2	18.3	25.2	21.9	1.2			
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>											
Henderson	391	14	18	36	47	46	97	97	36		
Percentage of Total		3.6	4.6	9.2	12.0	11.8	24.8	24.8	9.2		
McDowell	184	8	14	16	31	25	60	23	7		
Percentage of Total		4.3	7.6	8.7	16.8	13.6	32.6	12.5	3.8		
Polk	21	1	1	1	7	1	4	2	2		2
Percentage of Total		4.8	4.8	4.8	33.3	4.8	19.0	9.5	9.5		9.5
Rutherford	145	11	10	19	25	31	33	8	8		
Percentage of Total		7.6	6.9	13.1	17.2	21.4	22.8	5.5	5.5		
Transylvania	64		12	3	8	9	27	3	2		
Percentage of Total			18.8	4.7	12.5	14.1	42.2	4.7	3.1		
District Totals	805	34	95	75	118	112	221	133	55		2
Percentage of Total		4.2	6.8	9.3	14.7	13.9	27.5	16.5	6.8		0.2
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cherokee	30	5	5	5	5	3	4	2	1		
Percentage of Total		16.7	16.7	16.7	16.7	10.0	13.3	6.7	3.3		
Clay	16	1	1		5	1	8				
Percentage of Total		6.3	6.3		31.3	6.3	50.0				
Graham	8		1		3	1	3				
Percentage of Total			12.5		37.5	12.5	37.5				
Haywood	196	6	16	22	40	46	38	6	22		
Percentage of Total		3.1	8.2	11.2	20.4	23.5	19.4	3.1	11.2		
Jackson	113	8	11	12	25	23	20	9	5		
Percentage of Total		7.1	9.7	10.6	22.1	20.4	17.7	8.0	4.4		
Macon	115		4	12	18	14	27	26	14		
Percentage of Total			3.5	10.4	15.7	12.2	23.5	22.6	12.2		
Swain	45	2	5	2	3	14	11	3	3	2	
Percentage of Total		4.4	11.1	4.4	6.7	31.1	24.4	6.7	6.7	4.4	
District Totals	523	22	43	53	99	102	111	46	45	2	
Percentage of Total		4.2	8.2	10.1	18.9	19.5	21.2	8.8	8.6	0.4	
STATE TOTALS											
Percentage of Total	20,333	1165	2034	2208	2851	3209	4128	1763	2335	460	180
		5.7	10.0	10.9	14.0	15.8	20.3	8.7	11.5	2.3	0.9

The District Court Division

“The General Assembly shall, from time to time, divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and shall prescribe where the District Courts shall sit, but a District Court must sit in at least one place in each county.”

N. C. Const., Art. IV, Sec. 10

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

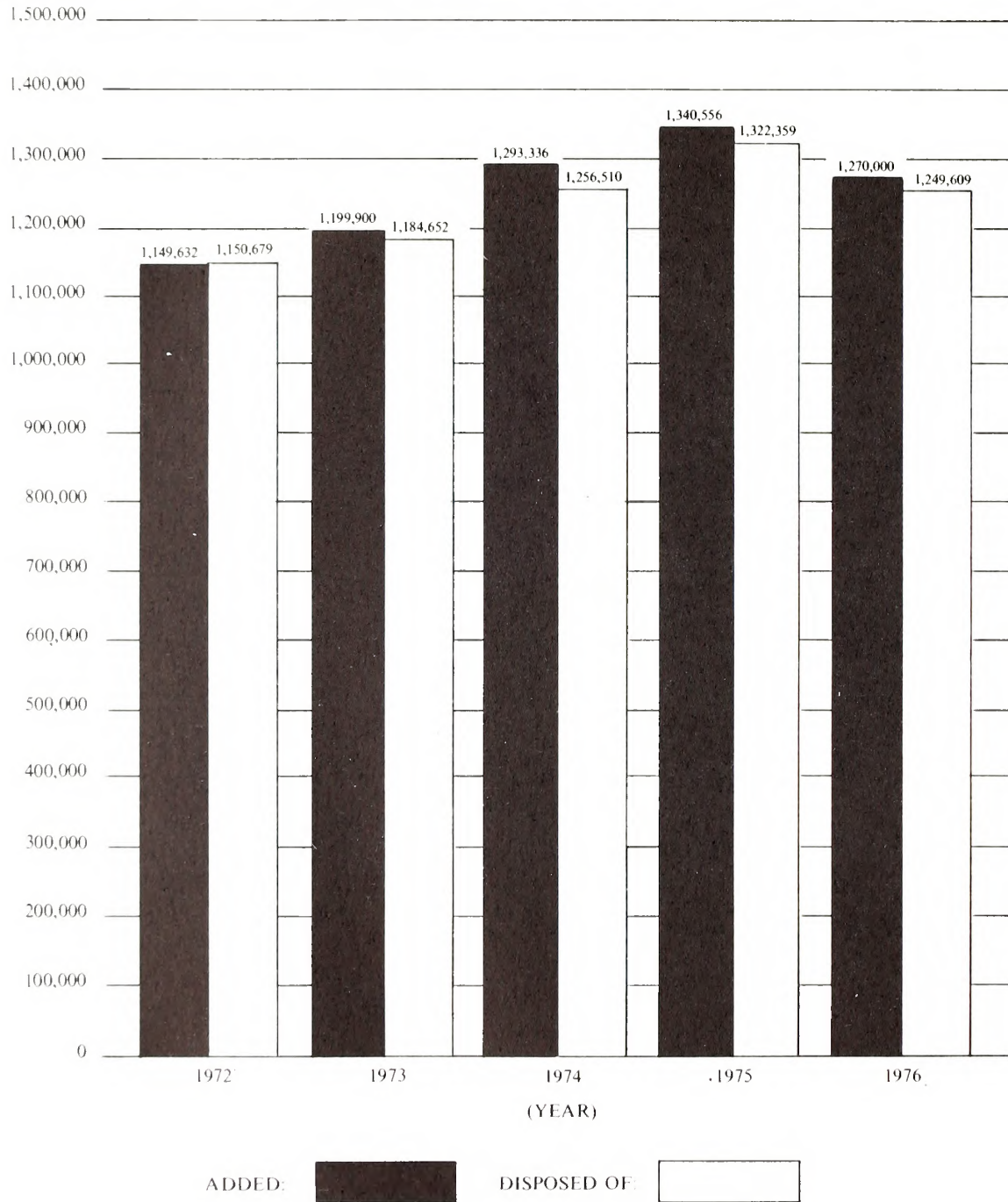
Total case activity in the district courts during 1976, compared with total case activity during the preceding four years, is depicted in the graphs which follow. There was a decrease in total filings — 1,270,000 in 1976 as compared with 1,340,556 in 1975. There was also a decrease in the total number of dispositions, — 1,249,609 in 1976 as compared with 1,322,359 in 1975. The number of cases pending at the end of 1976 was 177,759 as compared with 157,368 at the end of 1975, an increase of 12.96%.

District courts have jurisdiction of proceedings involving juveniles (individuals under 16 years of age). Such proceedings, although often involving allegations of activity of a criminal nature, are not legally regarded or treated as criminal cases. Data on juvenile proceedings is presented in a separate section, following the data on District Court Civil Dockets.

TOTAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)

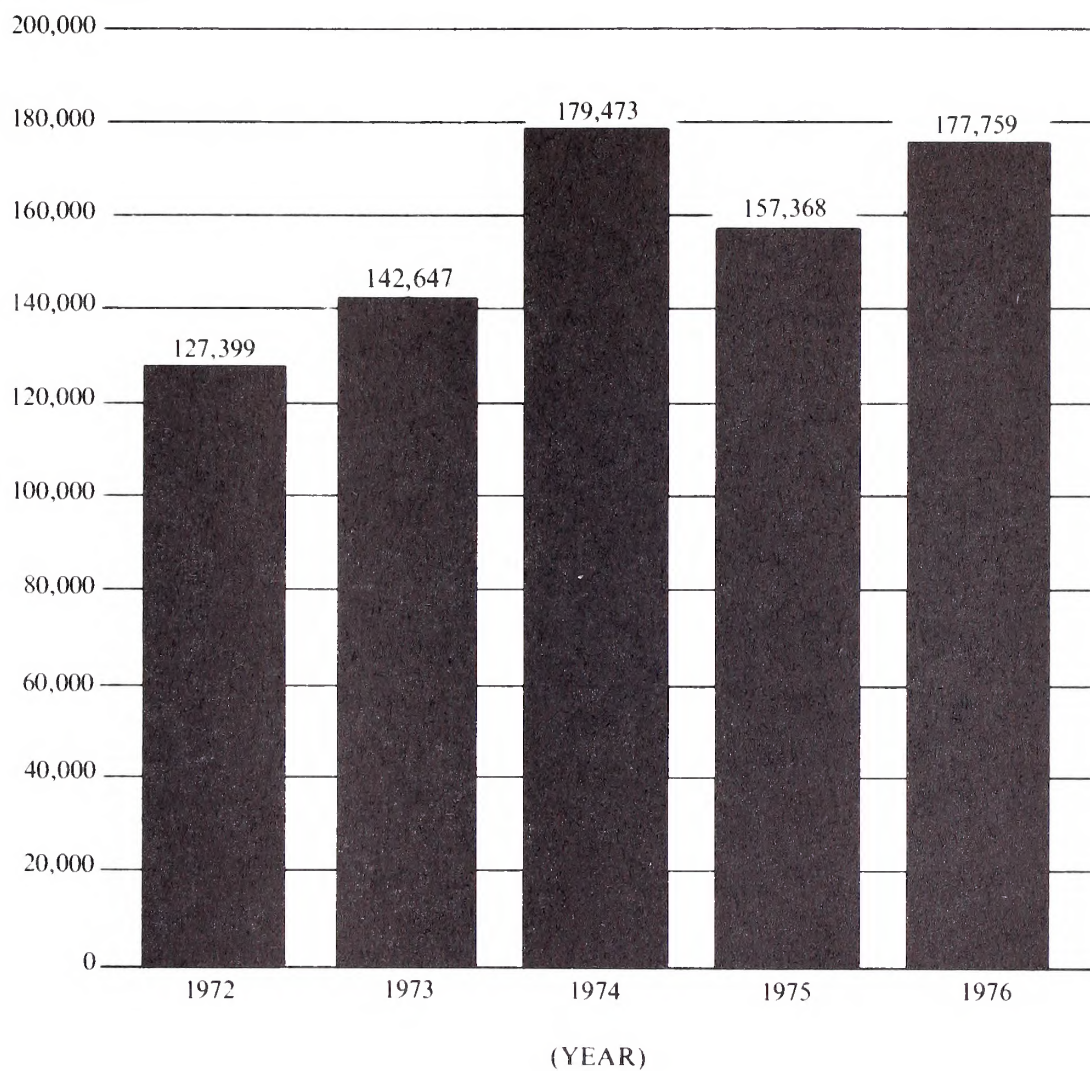
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TOTAL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)

NO. OF CASES



The tables which follow present data on total days of district court for the past five years, and data on the days of court held at each district court seat during 1976. The total number of days of district court in 1976 was 18,593, compared with 18,653 in 1975.

TOTAL DAYS OF DISTRICT COURT
1972-1976

Year	Civil	Criminal	Total
1972	5,404 ½	10,852 ½	16,257
1973	5,728 ½	10,893 ½	16,622
1974	6,018 ½	11,193	17,211 ½
1975	6,673 ½	11,979 ½	18,653
1976	6,670 ¾	11,922 ¼	18,593

DAYS OF COURT HELD AT EACH SEAT OF THE DISTRICT COURT*

1976 Calendar Year

<u>1ST DISTRICT (2 Judges)</u>				<u>8TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)</u>			
CIVIL	CRIMINAL	TOTAL		CIVIL	CRIMINAL	TOTAL	
Camden — Camden	1	19	20	Greene — Snow Hill	13	32	45
Chowan — Edenton	35	47	82	Lenoir — Kinston	88 ½	147 ½	236
Currituck — Currituck	6 ½	24	30 ½	Wayne — Goldsboro	176 ½	159	335 ½
Dare — Manteo	8	42 ½	50 ½	Mount Olive	0	25	25
Gates — Gatesville	2	22	24	TOTAL	278	363 ½	641 ½
Pasquotank — Elizabeth City	46	56	102				
Perquimans — Hertford	½	22	22 ½				
TOTAL	99	232 ½	331 ½				
<u>2ND DISTRICT (2 Judges)</u>				<u>9TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>			
Beaufort — Washington	22	112 ½	134 ½	Franklin — Louisburg	19	47	66
Hyde — Swan Quarter	0	16 ½	16 ½	Granville — Oxford	63	52 ½	115 ½
Martin — Williamston	18	50	68	Person — Roxboro	22 ½	50	72 ½
Tyrrell — Columbia	3 ½	11	14 ½	Vance — Henderson	56 ½	89	145 ½
Washington — Plymouth	4	35 ½	39 ½	Warren — Warrenton	6	26	32
TOTAL	47 ½	225 ½	273	TOTAL	167	264 ½	431 ½
<u>3RD DISTRICT (5 Judges)</u>				<u>10TH DISTRICT (6 Judges)</u>			
Carteret — Beaufort	56 ½	125 ½	182	Wake — Raleigh	384 ½	629 ½	1014
Craven — New Bern	118	165 ½	283 ½	Fuquay-Varina	0	15 ½	15 ½
Pamlico — Bayboro	7	21	28	Wendell	0	14 ½	14 ½
Pitt — Greenville	87	188 ½	275 ½	TOTAL	384 ½	659 ½	1044
Farmville	0	21 ½	21 ½				
Ayden	2	22 ½	24 ½				
TOTAL	270 ½	544 ½	815				
<u>4TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>				<u>11TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>			
Duplin — Kenansville	22	70	92	Harnett — Lillington	22	92	114
Jones — Trenton	5 ¾	15 ¼	21	Dunn	0	35 ½	35 ½
Onslow — Jacksonville	55	344	399	Johnston — Smithfield	90	92	182
Sampson — Clinton	32	78 ½	110 ½	Benson	0	32 ½	32 ½
TOTAL	114 ¾	507 ¾	622 ½	Selma	0	46 ½	46 ½
<u>5TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</u>				Lee — Sanford	22 ½	102 ½	125
New Hanover — Wilmington	159 ½	241	400 ½	TOTAL	134 ½	401	535 ½
Pender — Burgaw	17	51	68				
TOTAL	176 ½	292	468 ½				
<u>6TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</u>				<u>12TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)</u>			
Bertie — Windsor	2	92	94	Cumberland — Fayetteville	405 ½	424	829 ½
Halifax — Halifax	18	83	101	Hoke — Raeford	4	42	46
Roanoke Rapids	4 ½	45	49 ½	TOTAL	409 ½	466	875 ½
Hertford — Winton	11	64 ½	75 ½				
Northampton — Jackson	5 ½	51 ½	57				
TOTAL	41	336	377				
<u>7TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>				<u>13TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</u>			
Edgecombe — Tarboro	33	80	113	Bladen — Elizabethtown	29 ½	80 ½	110
Rocky Mount	10 ½	63	73 ½	Brunswick — Southport	51	63 ½	114 ½
Nash — Nashville	45 ½	63 ½	109	Shallotte	0	36	36
Wilson — Wilson	29	99 ½	128 ½	Columbus — Whiteville	90	110	200
TOTAL	118	306	424	Tabor City	0	24 ½	24 ½
				TOTAL	170 ½	314 ½	485
				<u>14TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)</u>			
				Durham — Durham	208 ½	252	460 ½
				<u>15TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)</u>			
				Alamance — Graham	194 ½	194	388 ½
				Chatham — Pittsboro	16	29 ½	45 ½
				Siler City	7 ½	29	36 ½
				Orange — Hillsborough	58 ½	58	116 ½
				Chapel Hill	14	70 ½	84 ½
				TOTAL	290 ½	381	671 ½

* All days of court at each seat were not necessarily held by a judge assigned to the designated judicial district. In 1976 District Court Judges held a total of 281 days of court in judicial districts other than their own. A day of court is defined as at least a two hour session before lunch and at least a two hour session after lunch. Judicial hospitalization, juvenile and domestic relations cases are counted as civil court.

DAYS OF COURT HELD AT EACH SEAT OF THE DISTRICT COURT*

1976 Calendar Year

16TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Robeson — Lumberton	115	216 ½	331 ½
Fairmont	0	27 ½	27 ½
Maxton	0	40	40
Red Springs	0	30	30
Rowland	0	21	21
Saint Pauls	0	25 ½	25 ½
Scotland — Laurinburg	64 ½	90	154 ½
TOTAL	179 ½	450 ½	630

17TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Caswell — Yanceyville	7	36	43
Rockingham — Wentworth	57	6 ½	63 ½
Reidsville	0	84	84
Eden	0	70 ½	70 ½
Madison	0	43	43
Stokes — Danbury	8 ½	68	76 ½
Surry — Dobson	32	118	150
TOTAL	104 ½	426	530 ½

18TH DISTRICT (8 Judges)

Guilford — Greensboro	374 ½	394	768 ½
High Point	108	149 ½	257 ½
TOTAL	482 ½	543 ½	1026

19TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)

Cabarrus — Concord	68	98	166
Kannapolis	0	50	50
Montgomery — Troy	31 ½	61	92 ½
Randolph — Asheboro	67 ½	87	154 ½
Liberty	0	5 ½	5 ½
Rowan — Salisbury	78	133	211
TOTAL	245	434 ½	679 ½

20TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Anson — Wadesboro	22 ½	72	94 ½
Moore — Carthage	27 ½	49	76 ½
Southern Pines	0	17	17
Richmond — Rockingham	33	71	104
Stanly — Albemarle	31	109	140
Union — Monroe	32 ½	101 ½	134
TOTAL	146 ½	419 ½	566

21ST DISTRICT (5 Judges)

Forsyth — Winston-Salem	269 ½	464	733 ½
Kernersville	0	17	17
TOTAL	269 ½	481	750 ½

22ND DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Alexander — Taylorsville	18 ½	31	49 ½
Davidson — Lexington	116	83 ½	199 ½
Thomasville	0	57 ½	57 ½
Davie — Mocksville	19 ½	32 ½	52
Iredell — Statesville	91 ½	109	200 ½
Mooreville	0	28	28
TOTAL	245 ½	341 ½	587

23RD DISTRICT (2 Judges)

Alleghany — Sparta	13 ½	20 ½	34
Ashe — Jefferson	8	44	52
Wilkes — Wilkesboro	113 ½	97 ½	211
Yadkin — Yadkinville	13 ½	42 ½	56
TOTAL	148 ½	204 ½	353

24TH DISTRICT (2 Judges)

Avery — Newland	29 ½	31	60 ½
Madison — Marshall	25 ½	15	40 ½
Mitchell — Bakersville	32 ½	28	60 ½
Watauga — Boone	24	71	95
Yancey — Burnsville	21 ½	21 ½	43
TOTAL	133	166 ½	299 ½

25TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)

Burke — Morganton	10	152	162
Caldwell — Lenoir	59 ½	132 ½	192
Catawba — Newton	52 ½	88 ½	141
Hickory	68	111	179
TOTAL	190	484	674

26TH DISTRICT (8 Judges)

Mecklenburg — Charlotte	745 ½	759	1504 ½
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27TH DISTRICT (5 Judges)

Cleveland — Shelby	101 ½	134	235 ½
Gaston — Gastonia	186 ½	446	632 ½
Lincoln — Lincolnton	52	83	135
TOTAL	340	663	1003

28TH DISTRICT (4 Judges)

Buncombe — Asheville	321	462	783
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29TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)

Henderson — Hendersonville	46 ½	97 ½	144
McDowell — Marion	20	94	114
Polk — Columbus	5	36 ½	41 ½
Rutherford — Rutherfordton	25 ½	64	89 ½
Transylvania — Brevard	30 ½	38	68 ½
TOTAL	127 ½	330	457 ½

30TH DISTRICT (3 Judges)

Cherokee — Murphy	6 ½	25 ½	32
Clay — Hayesville	½	9	9 ½
Graham — Robbinsville	5 ½	20 ½	26
Haywood — Waynesville	37	63 ½	100 ½
Canton	0	15	15
Jackson — Sylva	12	26	38
Macon — Franklin	12 ½	26	38 ½
Swain — Bryson City	8	25	33
TOTAL	82	210 ½	292 ½
GRAND TOTAL	6,670 ¾	11,922 ¼	18,593

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DISTRICT COURT CIVIL DOCKETS

Civil case activity in the district court division during 1976, which includes small claims assigned to magistrates for hearing, is compared with civil case activity during the preceding four years in the graphs which follow. There was some increase in civil case filings in 1976 — 224,810, as compared with 219,428 in 1975. The number of civil cases pending at the end of 1976 was a few hundred less in 1976 than in 1975; and the number of civil cases pending at the end of 1976 was 64,651 compared with 52,049 pending at the end of 1975.

Tables are presented which show the distribution of pending civil cases among the counties, the ten counties with the largest number of cases pending at the end of 1976, and the ten counties with the highest and the ten counties with the lowest ratios of dispositions to total caseloads.

Data is then shown, by judicial districts and by counties, on the number of civil cases pending, filed and disposed of in 1976. Following the county-by-county data, the statewide total figures are listed on (1) ages of civil cases pending before magistrates as of December 31, 1976; (2) ages of civil cases appealed from magistrates and pending in district courts as of December 31, 1976; (3) ages of civil child support cases pending in the district courts as of December 31, 1976; (4) ages of civil domestic relations cases pending in the district courts as of December 31, 1976; and (5) ages of all other civil cases pending in the district courts as of December 31, 1976. (County data tables on ages of all civil cases pending in the county's district courts have been distributed to the clerk of superior court in each county and to the Chief District Judge for each judicial district.)

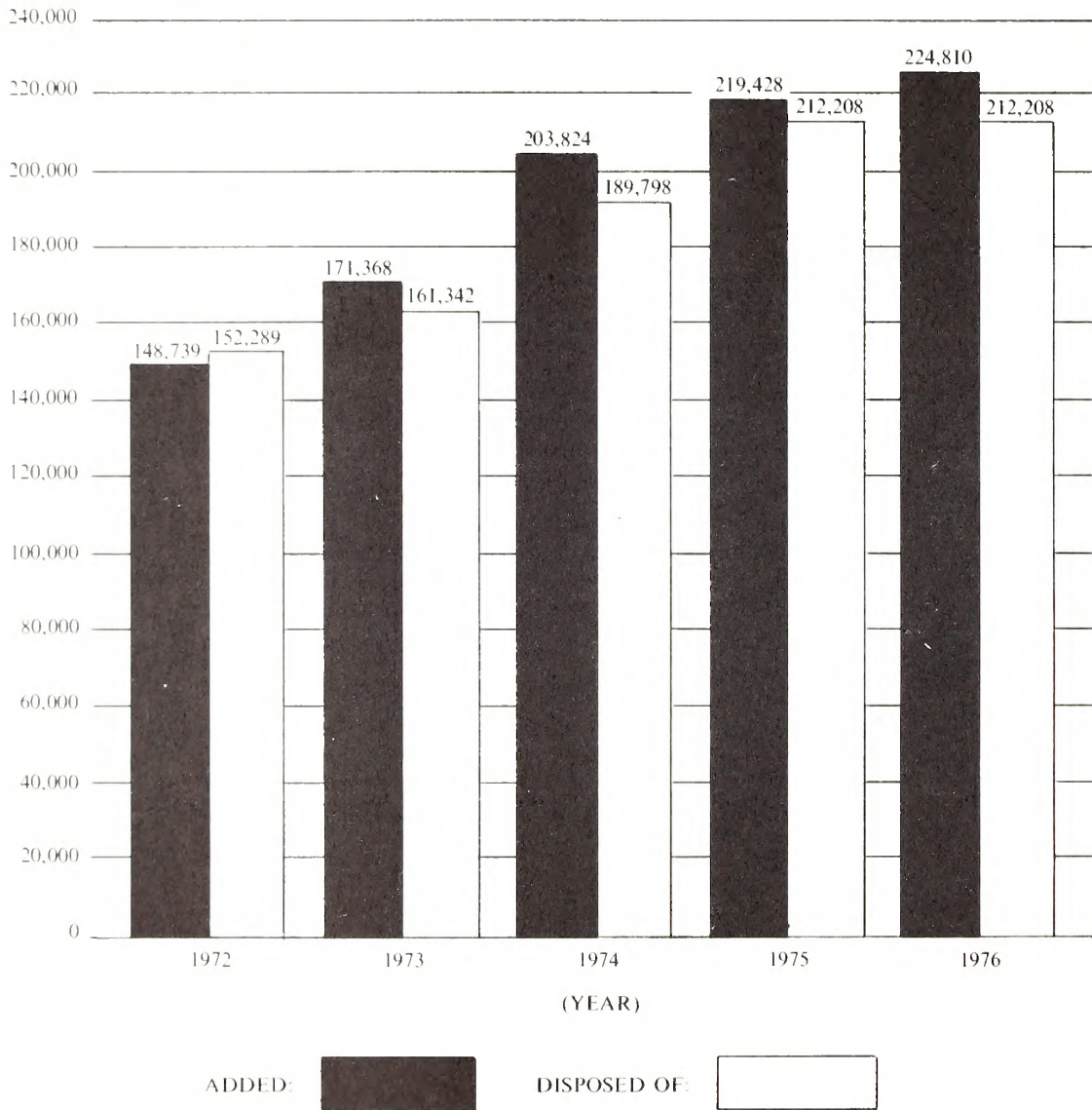
As previously stated in comments on the superior court civil dockets, if the parties involved in a civil case are not interested in having the case tried, it will not likely be placed on the trial calendar. This may explain why the table on ages of civil cases pending in the district court division show that there are a number of cases which have been pending for a period of years.

This is the first year for which the Administrative Office of the Courts has been able to obtain data on ages of pending cases. The publication of such data should assist in directing attention to those cases in which the parties have so little interest that they should no longer be retained as active pending cases but disposed of by dismissal. In any event, it is expected that future annual reports will show a significant reduction in the number of civil cases in the district court division which have been pending for more than two years.

CIVIL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)

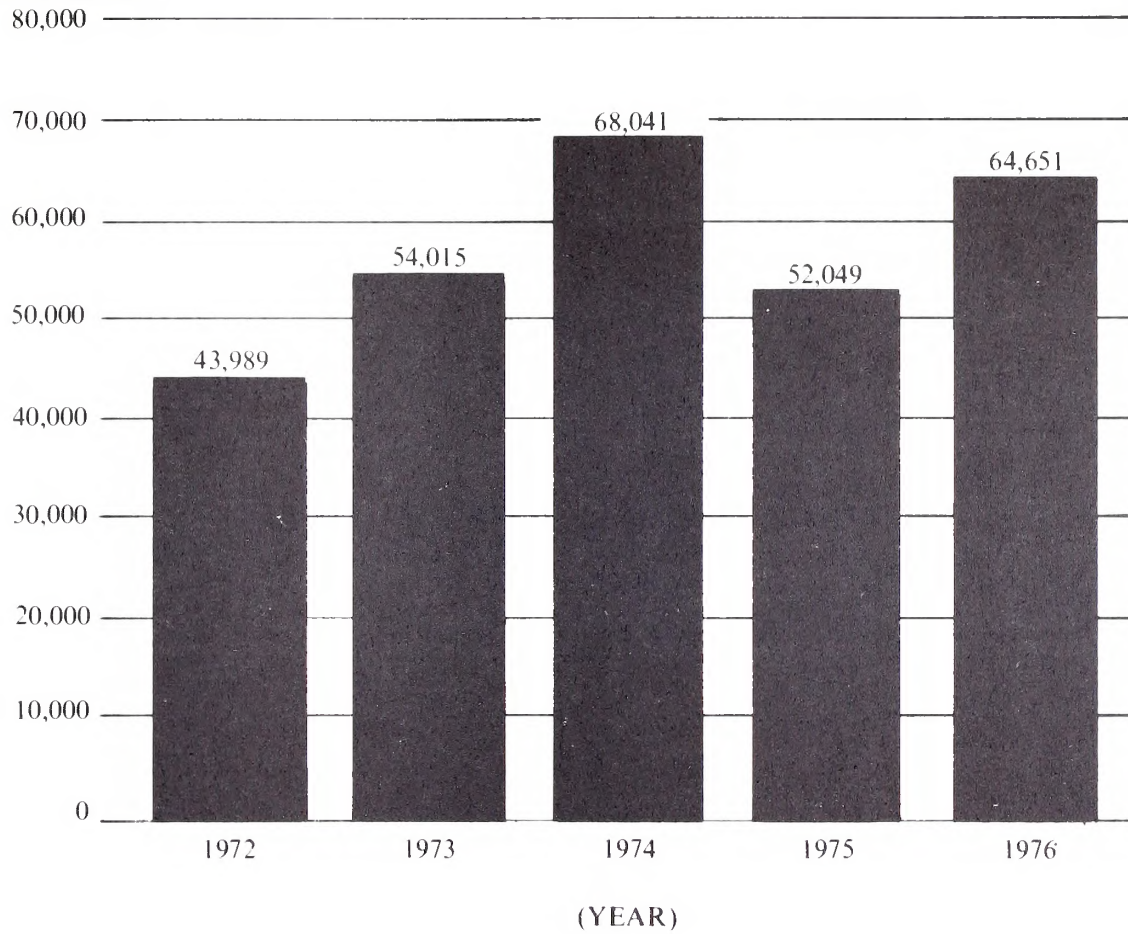
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CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)

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**DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES
AMONG THE COUNTIES**

(District Courts)

Number of Cases	Less than 100	101-300	301-500	501-1,000	Over 1,000
Number of Counties & Year: 1972	30	28	18	17	7
1973	26	27	17	17	13
1974	24	23	19	19	15
1975	23	26	19	18	14
1976	26	23	25	14	12

**TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS
PENDING AT YEAR END**

County	Pending 1/1/76	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/76	Relation (%) of Disposi- tions to Filings
*Mecklenburg	5,986	24,861	20,744	10,103	83.4
*Guilford	6,577	20,006	19,657	6,926	98.3
*Durham	3,727	11,246	10,327	4,646	91.8
*Wake	3,518	14,485	13,563	4,440	93.6
*Cumberland	980	9,123	8,033	2,070	88.1
Forsyth	904	9,787	8,866	1,825	90.6
Gaston	1,348	5,385	5,029	1,704	93.4
Wayne	1,278	3,849	3,424	1,703	89.0
*New Hanover	943	5,003	4,377	1,569	87.5
*Buncombe	1,266	5,250	5,094	1,422	97.0
STATE MEAN	520	2,248	2,122	647	94.4

*Counties that were listed in this table in the 1975 Annual Report.

**TEN COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST RATIOS OF DISTRICT COURT CIVIL
DISPOSITIONS TO TOTAL CASELOADS, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Greene	418	377	90.2
Mitchell	327	293	89.6
Alamance	3,894	3,467	89.0
Chatham	1,086	962	88.6
Iredell	3,369	2,980	88.5
Camden	138	122	88.4
Yadkin	930	822	88.4
Hoke	811	715	88.2
Edgecombe	3,063	2,700	88.1
Alexander	509	448	88.0
STATE MEAN	2,769	2,122	76.6

**TEN COUNTIES WITH LOWEST RATIOS OF DISTRICT COURT CIVIL
DISPOSITIONS TO TOTAL CASELOADS, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Warren	763	466	61.1
Richmond	1,880	1,151	61.2
Person	2,326	1,426	61.3
Watauga	931	620	66.6
Wayne	5,127	3,424	66.8
Anson	801	535	66.8
Transylvania	860	575	66.9
Mecklenburg	30,847	20,744	67.2
Madison	181	122	67.4
Durham	14,973	10,327	69.0
STATE MEAN	2,769	2,122	76.6

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION**

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	CASES FILED, 1976					CASES DISPOSED OF, 1976							Increase/ Decrease in Pending Cases
	Pending 1/1/76	Small Claims	Domestic	Other	Total Cases Filed	Total Caseload	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total Dispo- sitions	Pending 12/31/76	
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>													
Camden	13	87	20	18	125	138	0	9	82	31	122	16	+ 3
Chowan	65	289	33	149	471	536	2	97	292	75	466	70	+ 5
Currituck	37	174	36	95	305	342	0	62	134	74	270	72	+ 35
Dare	131	193	73	81	347	478	0	83	182	66	331	147	+ 16
Gates	34	227	23	36	286	320	0	35	201	35	271	49	+ 15
Pasquotank	270	1030	181	339	1550	1820	5	197	1035	270	1507	313	+ 43
Perquimans	37	145	28	15	188	225	0	26	135	20	181	44	+ 7
TOTAL	587	2145	394	733	3272	3859	7	509	2061	571	3148	711	+ 124
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>													
Beaufort	252	1340	265	145	1750	2002	3	327	1307	65	1702	300	+ 48
Hyde	19	88	21	11	120	139	0	24	83	9	116	23	+ 4
Martin	207	870	100	181	1151	1358	0	129	774	97	1000	358	+ 151
Tyrrell	10	77	26	15	118	128	2	24	69	11	106	22	+ 12
Washington	50	376	69	133	578	628	0	110	329	38	477	151	+ 101
TOTAL	538	2751	481	485	3717	4255	5	614	2562	220	3401	854	+ 316
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>													
Carteret	128	969	302	205	1476	1604	2	342	642	236	1222	382	+ 254
Craven	710	1147	579	685	2411	3121	6	722	1121	540	2389	732	+ 22
Pamlico	63	171	68	90	329	392	1	46	161	112	320	72	+ 9
Pitt	536	2336	674	506	3516	4052	2	484	2175	288	2949	1103	+ 567
TOTAL	1437	4623	1623	1486	7732	9169	11	1594	4099	1176	6880	2289	+ 852
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>													
Duplin	243	1289	200	184	1673	1916	0	231	1247	132	1610	306	+ 63
Jones	25	163	6	132	301	326	0	53	137	50	240	86	+ 61
Onslow	1457	1869	757	229	2855	4312	15	706	2418	183	3322	990	- 467
Sampson	68	1683	295	245	2223	2291	5	354	1487	159	2005	286	+ 218
TOTAL	1793	5004	1258	790	7052	8845	20	1344	5289	524	7177	1668	- 125
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>													
New Hanover	943	3022	1029	952	5003	5946	89	1010	2777	501	4377	1569	+ 626
Pender	155	425	78	85	588	743	1	78	404	140	623	120	- 35
TOTAL	1098	3447	1107	1037	5591	6689	90	1088	3181	641	5000	1689	+ 591
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>													
Bertie	33	573	43	96	712	745	0	54	466	46	566	179	+ 146
Halifax	815	1274	285	111	1670	2485	18	285	1382	250	1935	550	- 265
Hertford	257	526	118	126	770	1027	2	90	492	92	676	351	+ 94
Northampton	262	646	149	116	911	1173	0	110	743	128	981	192	- 70
TOTAL	1367	3019	595	449	4063	5430	20	539	3083	516	4158	1272	- 95
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>													
Edgecombe	186	2304	275	298	2877	3063	1	297	2233	169	2700	363	+ 177
Nash	380	1814	496	365	2675	3055	4	384	1846	233	2467	588	+ 208
Wilson	409	2207	338	287	2832	3241	5	321	2194	243	2763	478	+ 69
TOTAL	975	6325	1109	950	8384	9359	10	1002	6273	645	7930	1429	+ 454

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION**

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

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<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>													
Greene	64	235	12	107	354	418	0	97	262	18	377	41	- 23
Lenoir	568	2502	438	423	3363	3931	8	424	2376	269	3077	854	+ 286
Wayne	1278	2356	730	763	3849	5127	2	652	2322	448	3424	1703	+ 425
TOTAL	1910	5093	1180	1293	7566	9476	10	1173	4960	735	6878	2598	+ 688
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>													
Franklin	260	700	144	95	939	1199	0	257	569	46	872	327	+ 67
Granville	271	1130	132	113	1375	1646	2	112	1114	79	1307	339	+ 68
Person	1245	753	110	218	1081	2326	2	231	1025	168	1426	900	- 345
Vance	558	1500	75	335	1910	2468	0	201	1404	109	1714	754	+ 196
Warren	235	353	109	66	528	763	0	88	310	68	466	297	+ 62
TOTAL	2569	4436	570	827	5833	8402	4	889	4422	470	5785	2617	+ 48
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>													
Wake	3518	8351	2807	3327	14,485	18,003	11	3563	7198	2791	13,563	4,440	+ 922
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>													
Harnett	784	1490	322	389	2201	2985	10	379	1398	394	2181	804	+ 20
Johnston	649	1818	81	866	2765	3414	12	524	1759	449	2744	670	+ 21
Lee	343	940	270	288	1498	1841	6	292	941	268	1507	334	- 9
TOTAL	1776	4248	673	1543	6464	8240	28	1195	4098	1111	6432	1808	+ 32
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cumberland	980	5360	2461	1302	9123	10,103	8	1835	4948	1242	8033	2070	+ 1090
Hoke	83	382	0	346	728	811	0	70	386	259	715	96	+ 13
TOTAL	1063	5742	2461	1648	9851	10,914	8	1905	5334	1501	8748	2166	+ 1103
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>													
Bladen	139	548	145	216	909	1048	3	105	535	206	849	199	+ 60
Brunswick	430	712	203	165	1080	1510	4	279	706	202	1191	319	- 111
Columbus	873	1402	130	521	2053	2926	12	376	1408	443	2239	687	- 186
TOTAL	1442	2662	478	902	4042	5484	19	760	2649	851	4279	1205	- 237
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>													
Durham	3727	8906	1304	1036	11246	14973	11	1364	7094	1858	10327	4646	+ 919
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>													
Alamance	558	1980	947	409	3336	3894	15	999	1926	527	3467	427	- 131
Chatham	45	762	150	129	1041	1086	1	150	735	76	962	124	+ 79
Orange	242	1045	373	321	1739	1981	4	297	1022	145	1468	513	+ 271
TOTAL	845	3787	1470	859	6116	6961	20	1446	3683	748	5897	1064	+ 219
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>													
Robeson	1028	2496	180	1103	3779	4807	5	687	2256	543	3491	1316	+ 288
Scotland	287	743	67	379	1189	1476	2	314	775	116	1207	269	- 18
TOTAL	1315	3239	247	1482	4968	6283	7	1001	3031	659	4698	1585	+ 270

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION**

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	CASES FILED, 1976					CASES DISPOSED OF, 1976							Increase/ Decrease in Pending Cases
	Pending 1/1/76	Small Claims	Domestic	Other	Total Cases Filed	Total Caseload	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total Dispo- sitions	Pending 12/31/76	
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>													
Caswell	18	404	121	49	574	592	0	63	365	77	505	87	+ 69
Rockingham	194	1850	621	319	2790	2984	3	549	1669	221	2442	542	+ 348
Stokes	27	534	153	89	776	803	0	117	484	54	655	148	+ 121
Surry	641	2270	327	355	2952	3593	5	198	2503	399	3105	488	- 153
TOTAL	880	5058	1222	812	7052	7972	8	927	5021	751	6707	1265	+ 385
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>													
Guilford													
Greensboro	5590	9074	1999	3941	15014	20604	13	2411	9281	3002	14707	5897	+ 307
High Point	987	3660	831	501	4992	5979	18	903	3670	359	4950	1029	+ 42
TOTAL	6577	12734	2830	4442	20006	26583	31	3314	12951	3361	19657	6926	+ 349
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cabarrus	517	1084	608	437	2129	2646	15	557	1029	583	2184	462	- 55
Montgomery	226	639	82	144	865	1091	0	117	736	59	912	179	- 47
Randolph	277	1050	449	203	1702	1979	4	434	951	190	1579	400	+ 123
Rowan	189	1923	567	333	2823	3012	11	828	1458	332	2629	383	+ 194
TOTAL	1209	4696	1706	1117	7519	8728	30	1936	4174	1164	7304	1424	+ 215
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>													
Anson	195	441	119	46	606	801	0	133	372	30	535	266	+ 71
Moore	475	796	136	304	1236	1711	5	303	748	265	1321	390	- 85
Richmond	636	832	259	153	1244	1880	7	269	775	100	1151	729	+ 93
Stanly	312	959	266	194	1419	1731	1	361	947	159	1468	263	- 49
Union	381	1368	326	257	1951	2332	2	327	1439	244	2012	320	- 61
TOTAL	1999	4396	1106	954	6456	8455	15	1393	4281	798	6487	1968	- 31
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>													
Forsyth	904	5739	2072	1976	9787	10691	22	1936	5362	1546	8866	1825	+ 921
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>													
Alexander	68	295	96	50	441	509	0	109	281	58	448	61	- 7
Davidson	337	1244	679	498	2421	2758	7	792	1243	284	2326	432	+ 95
Davie	97	191	37	145	373	470	0	119	188	75	382	88	- 9
Iredell	543	2007	439	380	2826	3369	18	444	2190	328	2980	389	- 154
TOTAL	1045	3737	1251	1073	6061	7106	25	1464	3902	745	6136	970	- 75
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>													
Alleghany	32	103	66	152	321	353	5	163	94	29	291	62	+ 30
Ashe	74	234	84	52	370	444	1	100	140	132	373	71	- 3
Wilkes	602	821	337	762	1920	2522	11	348	601	1108	2068	454	- 148
Yadkin	127	505	187	111	803	930	5	177	514	126	822	108	- 19
TOTAL	835	1663	674	1077	3414	4249	22	788	1349	1395	3554	695	- 140

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
BY TYPE OF CASE AND MANNER OF DISPOSITION**

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	CASES FILED, 1976					CASES DISPOSED OF, 1976						Pending 12/31/76	Increase/ Decrease in Pending Cases
	Pending 1/1/76	Small Claims	Domestic	Other	Total Cases Filed	Total Caseload	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total Dispo- sitions		
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>													
Avery	69	173	49	82	304	373	3	49	158	91	301	72	+ 3
Madison	11	70	49	51	170	181	2	40	61	19	122	59	+ 48
Mitchell	52	155	30	90	275	327	0	121	123	49	293	34	- 18
Watauga	149	296	124	362	782	931	1	130	252	237	620	311	+ 162
Yancey	73	143	58	57	258	331	2	61	182	41	286	45	- 28
TOTAL	354	837	310	642	1789	2143	8	401	776	437	1622	521	+ 167
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>													
Burke	392	940	432	276	1648	2040	3	439	885	255	1582	458	+ 66
Caldwell	281	1039	24	625	1688	1969	3	532	859	173	1567	402	+ 121
Catawba	475	1962	931	463	3356	3831	0	748	1777	566	3091	740	+ 265
TOTAL	1148	3941	1387	1364	6692	7840	6	1719	3521	994	6240	1600	+ 452
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>													
Mecklenburg	5986	15823	1279	7759	24861	30847	48	4652	14144	1900	20744	10103	+4117
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cleveland	182	1633	585	305	2523	2705	7	581	1584	178	2350	355	+ 173
Gaston	1348	3090	575	1720	5385	6733	18	1489	2299	1223	5029	1704	+ 356
Lincoln	82	577	234	155	966	1048	6	250	504	119	879	169	+ 87
TOTAL	1612	5300	1394	2180	8874	10486	31	2320	4387	1520	8258	2228	+ 616
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>													
Buncombe	1266	3223	1263	764	5250	6516	8	1290	3304	492	5094	1422	+ 156
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>													
Henderson	193	588	462	234	1284	1477	1	629	517	43	1190	287	+ 94
McDowell	619	433	197	67	697	1316	5	391	355	329	1080	236	- 383
Polk	62	101	52	25	178	240	0	49	92	50	191	49	- 13
Rutherford	213	860	288	127	1275	1488	4	355	882	66	1307	181	- 32
Transylvania	241	381	157	81	619	860	0	171	344	60	575	285	+ 44
TOTAL	1328	2363	1156	534	4053	5381	10	1595	2190	548	4343	1038	- 290
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cherokee	124	206	78	83	367	491	2	43	110	268	423	68	- 56
Clay	8	60	16	28	104	112	0	28	59	5	92	20	+ 12
Graham	10	93	31	14	138	148	0	27	88	2	117	31	+ 21
Haywood	355	713	231	175	1119	1474	28	286	711	190	1215	259	- 96
Jackson	178	178	65	81	324	502	26	126	209	65	426	76	- 102
Macon	182	123	58	55	236	418	4	83	127	83	297	121	- 61
Swain	89	185	63	38	286	375	4	75	235	11	325	50	- 39
TOTAL	946	1558	542	474	2574	3520	64	668	1539	624	2895	625	- 321
GRAND TOTAL	52049	144846	35949	44015	224810	276859	609	44389	135918	31292	212208	64651	+12602

STATEWIDE TOTALS — CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

I. AGES OF CIVIL CASES PENDING BEFORE MAGISTRATES, DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Total Pending	Less Than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Yrs.	2 Years To 3 Yrs.	3 Years To 4 Yrs.	4 Years To 5 Yrs.	Greater Than 5 Yrs.
State Totals	14,056	5,630	1,591	996	1,297	1,342	2,149	645	149	53	204
% of Totals		40.1%	11.3%	7.1%	9.2%	9.5%	15.3%	4.6%	1.1%	0.4%	1.5%

II. AGES OF CIVIL CASES APPEALED FROM MAGISTRATES AND PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS, DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Total Pending	Less Than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Yrs.	2 Years To 3 Yrs.	3 Years To 4 Yrs.	4 Years To 5 Yrs.	Greater Than 5 Yrs.
State Totals	1,387	90	129	115	248	387	337	79		2	
% of Totals		6.5%	9.3%	8.3%	17.9%	27.9%	24.3%	5.7%		0.1%	

III. AGES OF CIVIL CHILD SUPPORT CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS, DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Total Pending	Less Than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Yrs.	2 Years To 3 Yrs.	3 Years To 4 Yrs.	4 Years To 5 Yrs.	Greater Than 5 Yrs.
State Totals	1,198	277	177	149	259	335	1				
% of Totals		23.1%	14.8%	12.4%	21.6%	28.0%	0.1%				

IV. AGES OF CIVIL CHILD SUPPORT CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS, DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Total Pending	Less Than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Yrs.	2 Years To 3 Yrs.	3 Years To 4 Yrs.	4 Years To 5 Yrs.	Greater Than 5 Yrs.
State Totals	16,666	1,703	1,787	1,075	2,063	2,937	3,067	1,617	820	510	1,087
% of Totals		10.2%	10.7%	6.5%	12.4%	17.6%	18.4%	9.7%	4.9%	3.1%	6.5%

V. AGES OF OTHER CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS, DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Total Pending	Less Than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Yrs.	2 Years To 3 Yrs.	3 Years To 4 Yrs.	4 Years To 5 Yrs.	Greater Than 5 Yrs.
State Totals	31,460	2,408	2,740	1,706	3,810	6,284	6,658	3,757	1,694	837	1,566
% of Total		7.7%	8.7%	5.4%	12.1%	20.0%	21.2%	11.9%	5.4%	2.7%	5.0%

JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS

For purposes of juvenile jurisdiction of the district courts, a juvenile or "child" is defined as being, with two exceptions, one who has not reached his or her **eighteenth** birthday and "is not married, emancipated, or a member of the armed services of the United States." The exceptions are where the person has committed, or is alleged to have committed, a criminal offense, including violations of the motor vehicle laws; or has violated the conditions, the statutes provide that a juvenile or child is one who has not reached his or her **sixteenth** birthday.

The following table presents data, by judicial district and by county, on the number of offenses and conditions alleged in juvenile petitions and on the number of children before the courts for the first time. The second table shows, by judicial district and by county, the number of adjudicatory hearings in juvenile proceedings during 1976.

The number of children before juvenile courts for the first time totalled 12,007 in 1976, compared with 13,190 in 1975, a decrease of 8.9%. The number of adjudicatory hearings in 1976 was 22,906, compared with 27,131 in 1975, a decrease of 15.58%.

It appears that these decreases in the number of children before the courts for the first time and in the number of adjudicatory hearings are due in large measure to the State's intake program, which is administered by the Juvenile Services Division. The intake program, which became operational statewide early in 1976, endeavors to resolve undisciplined or delinquent complaints without the necessity of a juvenile court proceeding. A complaint may be resolved by intake counselors, or it may be referred to another community resource, such as a mental health clinic or the local department of social services.

The relative composition of the caseload varies little from the previous year. Of the total number of offenses and conditions alleged, delinquency accounted for 58.2%, undisciplined for 21.2%, dependency for 10.2%, and neglect for 10.4%. The total number of delinquency allegations in 1976 was 13,241, a decrease of 1,911 from the previous year, a 12.6% decrease. Undisciplined allegations decreased from 5,275 in 1975, to 4,825 in 1976. On the other hand, dependency allegations increased from 2,237 in 1975, to 2,333 in 1976; and allegations of neglect increased from 2,136 in 1975 to 2,358 in 1976.

It was not feasible in 1976 to incorporate the reporting of juvenile case data in the revised data reporting system referred to in the Introduction to this year's annual report. For this reason, data on the ages of juvenile petitions pending on December 31, 1976 is not available.

**OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS AND
NUMBER OF CHILDREN BEFORE COURT FOR FIRST TIME***

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

1ST DISTRICT	OFFENSES					CONDITIONS						
	Delinquent					Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				
Camden	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	3	3
Chowan	0	3	27	6	36	3	2	5	0	0	41	33
Currituck	0	15	13	0	28	1	0	1	0	0	29	16
Dare	0	1	29	0	30	0	0	0	3	1	34	27
Gates	0	0	4	0	4	1	1	2	0	0	6	6
Pasquotank	0	17	40	12	69	2	7	9	5	8	91	37
Perquimans	0	0	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	3
TOTAL	0	36	126	18	180	8	10	18	8	9	215	125
2ND DISTRICT												
Beaufort	1	8	50	8	67	1	8	9	2	12	90	10
Hyde	0	0	4	0	4	1	0	1	0	2	7	7
Martin	0	15	18	7	40	0	4	4	7	58	109	43
Tyrell	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Washington	0	0	14	1	15	1	2	3	1	10	29	24
TOTAL	1	23	92	16	132	3	14	17	10	82	241	90
3RD DISTRICT												
Carteret	0	24	60	0	84	7	18	25	11	11	131	129
Craven	1	28	61	35	125	5	37	42	19	39	225	134
Pamlico	0	1	25	0	26	2	1	3	0	1	30	33
Pitt	0	74	45	38	157	16	39	55	20	41	273	161
TOTAL	1	127	191	73	392	30	95	125	50	92	659	457
4TH DISTRICT												
Duplin	0	0	29	1	30	13	1	14	0	8	52	52
Jones	0	3	4	0	7	8	0	8	3	5	23	16
Onslow	0	101	112	16	229	7	64	71	18	38	356	184
Sampson	0	1	23	17	41	3	5	8	5	19	73	59
TOTAL	0	105	168	34	307	31	70	101	26	70	504	311
5TH DISTRICT												
New Hanover	0	248	227	113	588	36	50	86	28	31	733	249
Pender	0	4	38	5	7	3	10	13	12	15	87	32
TOTAL	0	252	265	118	635	39	60	99	40	46	820	281
6TH DISTRICT												
Bertie	0	5	26	1	32	1	3	4	3	5	44	40
Halifax	0	15	79	10	104	11	10	21	23	17	165	87
Hertford	0	2	32	8	42	1	2	3	0	1	46	28
Northampton	0	9	20	0	29	4	2	6	7	8	50	42
TOTALS	0	31	157	19	207	17	17	34	33	31	305	197
7TH DISTRICT												
Edgecombe	0	69	128	26	223	1	7	8	25	44	300	130
Nash	0	16	105	10	131	6	20	26	35	31	223	124
Wilson	1	96	28	3	128	5	11	16	23	31	198	85
TOTAL	1	181	261	39	482	12	38	50	83	106	721	339

**OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS AND
NUMBER OF CHILDREN BEFORE COURT FOR FIRST TIME***

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	OFFENSES					CONDITIONS						
	Delinquent					Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>												
Greene	0	1	31	4	36	2	2	4	3	7	50	29
Lenoir	0	50	263	36	349	16	27	43	5	45	442	135
Wayne	0	43	133	54	230	22	34	56	33	31	350	193
TOTAL	0	94	427	94	615	40	63	103	41	83	842	357
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>												
Franklin	0	6	14	2	22	0	13	13	12	39	86	46
Granville	0	46	49	4	99	7	7	14	6	1	120	56
Person	0	8	16	3	27	5	15	20	7	7	61	44
Vance	0	0	53	32	85	24	16	40	20	12	157	121
Warren	0	15	21	0	36	2	1	3	0	2	41	141
TOTAL	0	75	153	41	269	38	52	90	45	61	465	408
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>												
Wake	0	70	153	51	274	12	153	165	24	27	490	324
TOTAL	0	70	153	51	274	12	153	165	24	27	490	324
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>												
Harnett	3	1	74	31	109	54	29	83	14	78	284	174
Johnston	1	23	66	33	123	48	11	59	35	29	246	113
Lee	3	23	57	26	109	24	32	56	68	10	243	97
TOTAL	7	47	197	90	341	126	72	198	117	117	773	384
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>												
Cumberland	0	127	305	109	541	11	203	214	406	208	1369	1147
Hoke	0	5	22	5	32	6	19	25	2	7	66	54
TOTAL	0	132	327	114	573	17	222	239	408	215	1435	1201
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>												
Bladen	0	3	15	3	21	1	7	8	1	9	39	49
Brunswick	0	0	31	0	31	65	11	76	4	17	128	128
Columbus	0	10	43	26	79	13	24	37	25	32	173	121
TOTAL	0	13	89	29	131	79	42	121	30	58	340	298
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>												
Durham	1	149	54	46	250	3	47	50	132	55	487	184
TOTAL	1	149	54	46	250	3	47	50	132	55	487	184
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>												
Alamance	1	6	61	61	129	15	27	42	13	27	211	146
Chatham	0	0	25	0	25	7	8	15	0	14	54	47
Orange	0	12	19	2	33	8	15	23	15	16	87	170
TOTAL	1	18	105	63	187	30	50	80	28	57	352	363

**OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS AND
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January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	OFFENSES					CONDITIONS						
	Delinquent					Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>												
Robeson	2	100	147	71	320	65	95	160	51	57	588	265
Scotland	0	41	46	24	111	18	31	49	6	34	200	135
TOTAL	2	141	193	95	431	83	126	209	57	91	788	400
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>												
Caswell	1	10	12	0	23	9	3	12	1	15	51	36
Rockingham	0	7	104	38	149	15	31	46	11	78	284	128
Stokes	0	1	28	0	29	13	5	18	0	5	52	46
Surry	0	16	11	16	43	6	10	16	10	14	83	61
TOTAL	1	34	155	54	244	43	49	92	22	112	470	271
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>												
Guilford	0	278	654	396	1328	147	432	579	208	250	2365	871
TOTAL	0	278	654	396	1328	147	432	579	208	250	2365	871
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>												
Cabarrus	0	8	68	23	99	9	21	30	8	8	145	91
Montgomery	0	0	18	0	18	5	1	6	2	17	43	33
Randolph	0	6	26	23	55	10	41	51	13	38	157	100
Rowan	0	30	98	38	166	46	17	63	78	105	412	270
TOTAL	0	44	210	84	338	70	80	150	101	168	757	494
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>												
Anson	0	18	88	41	147	5	27	32	0	3	182	50
Moore	0	51	28	20	99	15	9	24	13	20	156	79
Stanly	0	4	137	14	155	13	7	20	14	17	206	92
Union	0	31	104	75	210	33	28	61	57	24	352	124
Richmond	5	27	43	54	129	12	15	27	7	5	168	87
TOTAL	5	131	400	204	740	78	86	164	91	69	1064	432
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>												
Forsyth	0	259	376	125	760	62	201	263	81	74	1178	549
TOTAL	0	259	376	125	760	62	201	263	81	74	1178	549
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>												
Alexander	0	13	8	0	21	1	9	10	2	15	48	39
Davidson	1	44	83	32	160	39	110	149	54	31	394	184
Davie	0	5	35	0	40	1	8	9	0	7	56	28
Iredell	0	16	108	11	135	12	46	58	29	69	291	187
TOTAL	1	78	234	43	356	53	173	226	85	122	789	438
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>												
Alleghany	0	0	6	0	6	3	1	4	0	0	10	11
Ashe	0	1	29	0	30	25	21	46	3	3	82	66
Wilkes	2	16	49	76	143	27	35	62	24	52	281	134
Yadkin	0	4	46	11	61	17	9	26	20	25	132	91
TOTAL	2	21	130	87	240	72	66	138	47	80	505	302

**OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS AND
NUMBER OF CHILDREN BEFORE COURT FOR FIRST TIME***

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	OFFENSES					CONDITIONS						
	Delinquent					Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Probation Violation	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>												
Avery	1	3	5	1	10	4	9	13	13	2	38	34
Madison	1	7	2	0	10	7	2	9	1	5	25	25
Mitchell	0	4	7	0	11	3	3	6	15	2	34	37
Watauga	0	8	7	10	25	0	8	8	15	3	51	33
Yancey	0	9	0	0	9	0	2	2	2	2	15	15
TOTAL	2	31	21	11	65	14	24	38	46	14	163	144
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>												
Burke	0	26	31	42	99	30	104	134	44	28	305	128
Caldwell	0	19	58	24	101	47	36	83	23	22	229	109
Catawba	0	111	63	28	202	24	34	58	42	23	325	179
TOTAL	0	156	152	94	402	101	174	275	109	73	859	416
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>												
Mecklenburg	0	831	688	185	1704	53	313	366	144	26	2240	709
TOTAL	0	831	688	185	1704	53	313	366	144	26	2240	709
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>												
Cleveland	0	14	267	11	292	12	42	54	31	21	398	191
Gaston	0	117	304	7	428	46	157	203	116	12	759	418
Lincoln	0	27	39	8	74	24	28	52	13	7	146	100
TOTAL	0	158	610	26	794	82	227	309	160	40	1303	709
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>												
Buncombe	0	74	204	118	396	57	269	326	30	30	782	410
TOTAL	0	74	204	118	396	57	269	326	30	30	782	410
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>												
Henderson	0	31	65	37	133	18	49	67	5	36	241	132
McDowell	0	1	49	19	69	12	9	21	14	29	133	114
Polk	0	0	11	0	11	3	1	4	0	3	18	21
Rutherford	0	7	56	53	116	11	12	23	22	12	173	94
Transylvania	0	10	12	14	36	9	33	42	24	0	102	59
TOTAL	0	49	193	123	365	53	104	157	65	80	667	420
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>												
Cherokee	0	1	5	0	6	2	3	5	0	7	18	18
Clay	0	7	5	0	12	1	0	1	1	3	17	17
Graham	0	1	6	2	9	0	0	0	0	3	12	12
Haywood	0	5	34	3	42	4	7	11	8	6	67	12
Jackson	0	9	6	0	15	0	14	14	0	1	30	30
Macon	0	7	7	0	14	2	5	7	0	0	21	21
Swain	0	1	4	0	5	1	4	5	3	0	13	13
TOTAL	0	31	67	5	103	10	33	43	12	20	178	123
GRAND TOTAL	25	3,669	7,052	2,495	13,241	1,463	3,362	4,825	2,333	2,358	22,757	12,007
Percent Percent	0.2	27.7	53.3	18.8	100.0 58.2	30.3	69.7	100.0 21.2	10.2	10.4	100.0	

JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS — ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT*

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
Camden	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Chowan	23	4	27	4	1	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	33
Currituck	13	6	19	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Dare	35	31	66	0	0	0	3	4	7	2	1	3	76
Gates	2	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Pasquotank	70	6	76	5	1	6	14	6	20	10	0	10	112
Perquimans	11	2	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
TOTAL	155	51	206	12	4	16	18	10	28	12	1	13	263
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>													
Beaufort	58	30	88	6	5	11	1	0	1	9	6	15	115
Hyde	1	5	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	10
Martin	24	14	38	3	4	7	2	1	3	35	5	40	88
Tyrrell	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Washington	12	6	18	4	0	4	0	0	0	7	0	7	29
TOTAL	97	59	156	14	9	23	3	1	4	52	13	65	248
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>													
Carteret	62	49	111	9	19	28	4	3	7	5	4	9	155
Craven	151	79	230	47	13	60	15	8	23	56	13	69	382
Pamlico	10	6	16	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Pitt	121	95	216	42	27	69	13	7	20	36	8	44	349
TOTAL	344	229	573	103	61	164	32	18	50	97	25	122	909
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>													
Duplin	5	18	23	0	1	1	1	0	1	8	5	13	38
Jones	0	7	7	3	5	8	1	2	3	0	5	5	23
Onslow	144	47	241	17	44	61	15	1	16	19	11	30	348
Sampson	30	21	51	11	5	16	0	2	2	26	16	42	111
TOTAL	229	93	322	31	55	86	17	5	22	53	37	90	520
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>													
New Hanover	515	36	551	78	5	83	26	1	27	28	0	28	689
Pender	28	2	30	8	0	8	4	7	11	9	3	12	61
TOTAL	543	88	581	86	5	91	30	8	38	37	3	40	750
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>													
Bertie	10	22	32	2	2	4	1	2	3	1	4	5	44
Halifax	80	89	169	10	8	18	9	15	24	7	18	25	236
Hertford	31	39	70	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	76
Northampton	14	17	31	2	0	2	6	1	7	7	1	8	48
TOTAL	135	167	302	15	14	29	16	18	34	15	24	39	404
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>													
Edgecombe	174	46	220	5	4	9	20	2	22	33	5	38	289
Nash	103	16	119	14	10	24	34	2	36	35	0	35	214
Wilson	77	6	83	10	4	14	16	1	17	32	0	32	146
TOTAL	354	68	422	29	18	47	7	5	75	100	5	105	649

JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS — ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT*

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>	<u>Delinquency Hearings</u>			<u>Indisciplined Hearings</u>			<u>Dependency Hearings</u>			<u>Neglect Hearings</u>			<u>Total Hearings</u>
	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Retained</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Greene	23	15	38	6	2	8	2	1	3	3	5	8	57
Lenoir	128	230	358	22	36	58	3	0	3	26	26	52	471
Wayne	180	120	300	45	25	70	40	12	52	44	9	53	475
TOTAL	331	365	696	73	63	136	45	13	58	73	40	113	1003
 <u>9TH DISTRICT</u>													
Franklin	15	8	23	9	9	18	11	2	13	27	6	33	87
Granville	34	2	36	11	0	11	8	0	8	0	0	0	55
Person	17	21	38	13	5	18	2	3	5	1	5	6	67
Vance	83	2	85	40	0	40	19	1	20	12	0	12	157
Warren	17	26	43	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	48
TOTAL	166	59	225	75	15	90	40	6	46	42	11	53	414
 <u>10TH DISTRICT</u>													
Wake	254	30	284	107	3	110	42	2	44	36	3	39	477
	254	30	284	107	3	110	42	2	44	36	3	39	477
 <u>11TH DISTRICT</u>													
Harnett	129	105	234	84	45	129	17	9	26	106	61	167	556
Johnston	37	91	128	52	58	110	26	65	91	19	33	52	381
Lee	67	33	100	48	8	56	34	14	48	4	1	5	209
TOTAL	233	229	462	184	111	295	77	88	165	129	95	224	1146
 <u>12TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cumberland	252	140	392	177	91	268	256	115	371	155	56	211	1242
Hoke	22	9	31	20	0	20	3	2	5	6	0	6	62
TOTAL	274	149	423	197	91	288	259	117	376	161	56	217	1304
 <u>13TH DISTRICT</u>													
Bladen	32	24	56	4	6	10	2	1	3	11	15	26	95
Brunswick	2	7	9	4	7	11	0	0	0	1	1	2	22
Columbus	66	46	112	46	24	70	36	2	38	27	13	40	260
TOTAL	100	77	177	54	37	91	38	3	41	39	29	68	377
 <u>14TH DISTRICT</u>													
Durham	144	63	207	21	29	50	123	10	133	32	8	40	430
TOTAL	144	63	207	21	29	50	123	10	133	32	8	40	430
 <u>15TH DISTRICT</u>													
Alamance	79	16	95	23	2	25	9	2	11	20	4	24	155
Chatham	22	16	38	9	3	12	3	0	3	6	3	9	62
Orange	69	22	91	21	0	21	10	4	14	26	2	28	154
TOTAL	170	54	224	53	5	58	22	6	28	52	9	61	371
 <u>16TH DISTRICT</u>													
Robeson	279	26	305	104	9	113	38	17	55	31	10	41	514
Scotland	81	8	89	31	16	47	5	0	5	40	0	40	181
TOTAL	360	34	394	135	25	160	43	17	60	71	10	81	695

JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS — ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT*

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

17TH DISTRICT	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
Caswell	11	4	15	7	2	9	0	1	1	9	5	14	39
Rockingham	119	27	146	26	14	40	10	0	10	62	12	74	270
Stokes	14	9	23	5	2	7	0	0	0	1	3	4	34
Surry	27	4	31	16	2	18	5	1	6	6	11	17	72
TOTAL	171	44	215	54	20	74	15	2	17	78	31	109	415
18TH DISTRICT													
Guilford	640	435	1075	222	244	466	127	40	167	158	71	229	1937
	640	435	1075	222	244	466	127	40	167	158	71	229	1937
19TH DISTRICT													
Cabarrus	106	13	119	26	2	28	8	1	9	9	3	12	168
Montgomery	40	11	51	4	0	4	0	2	2	18	3	21	78
Randolph	18	28	46	34	11	45	4	9	13	21	4	25	129
Rowan	172	55	227	92	61	153	86	51	137	147	46	193	710
TOTAL	336	107	443	156	74	230	98	63	161	195	56	251	1085
20TH DISTRICT													
Anson	82	49	131	25	21	46	2	0	2	0	3	3	182
Moore	87	25	112	15	6	21	13	8	21	24	2	26	180
Richmond	120	74	194	33	12	45	12	4	16	2	8	10	265
Stanly	152	9	161	14	0	14	15	1	16	15	0	15	206
Union	151	83	234	31	22	53	20	35	55	15	5	20	362
TOTAL	592	240	832	118	170	288	28	116	38	56	8	46	710
21ST DISTRICT													
Forsyth	295	83	378	143	27	170	88	28	116	38	8	46	710
	295	83	378	143	27	170	88	28	116	38	8	46	710
22ND DISTRICT													
Alexander	8	17	25	4	6	10	2	0	2	6	9	15	52
Davidson	148	70	218	124	97	221	51	48	99	19	9	28	566
Davie	27	4	31	22	3	25	1	0	1	10	1	11	68
Iredell	117	29	146	40	28	68	13	5	18	72	9	81	313
TOTAL	300	120	420	190	134	324	67	53	120	107	28	135	999
23RD DISTRICT													
Alleghany	6	0	6	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Ashe	9	20	29	23	4	27	4	0	4	2	0	2	62
Wilkes	147	28	175	52	21	73	36	9	45	57	16	73	366
Yadkin	48	13	61	21	5	26	19	1	20	18	7	25	132
TOTAL	210	61	271	100	30	130	59	10	69	77	23	100	570
24TH DISTRICT													
Avery	12	3	15	4	10	14	3	7	10	1	1	2	41
Madison	7	10	17	11	9	20	3	2	5	4	0	4	46
Mitchell	10	0	10	6	0	6	2	0	2	2	0	2	20
Watauga	14	3	17	7	2	9	8	3	11	7	0	7	44
Yancey	48	16	64	43	7	50	18	4	22	20	5	25	161
TOTAL	91	32	123	71	28	99	34	16	50	34	6	40	312

JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS — ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT*

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

25TH DISTRICT	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
Burke	223	64	287	64	20	84	76	6	82	67	17	84	537
Caldwell	83	32	115	61	23	84	25	4	29	15	5	20	248
Catawba	184	54	238	35	14	49	48	3	51	19	8	27	365
TOTAL	490	150	640	160	57	217	149	13	162	101	30	131	1150
26TH DISTRICT													
Mecklenburg	1185	412	1597	227	70	297	201	9	210	18	1	19	2123
	1185	412	1597	227	70	297	201	9	210	18	1	19	2123
27TH DISTRICT													
Cleveland	262	31	293	35	21	56	28	3	31	20	0	20	400
Gaston	214	59	273	147	27	174	106	11	117	7	2	9	573
Lincoln	33	12	45	20	10	30	11	3	14	0	5	5	94
TOTAL	509	102	611	202	58	260	145	17	162	27	7	34	1067
28TH DISTRICT													
Buncombe	178	111	289	112	176	288	8	8	16	13	13	26	619
	178	111	289	112	176	288	8	8	16	13	13	26	619
29TH DISTRICT													
Henderson	81	16	97	31	18	49	1	4	5	29	6	35	186
McDowell	50	3	53	26	5	31	14	0	14	26	2	28	126
Polk	8	3	11	3	1	4	1	1	2	1	0	1	18
Rutherford	92	13	105	15	1	16	21	0	21	9	2	11	153
Transylvania	26	5	31	42	3	45	21	3	24	2	0	2	102
TOTAL	257	40	297	117	28	145	58	8	66	67	10	77	585
30TH DISTRICT													
Cherokee	2	2	4	3	2	5	0	1	1	7	0	7	17
Clay	10	0	10	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	15
Graham	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	12
Haywood	7	45	52	0	9	9	0	5	5	0	4	4	70
Jackson	2	15	17	1	12	13	0	3	3	0	2	2	35
Macon	10	2	12	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Swain	2	3	5	0	5	5	0	2	2	0	1	1	13
TOTAL	37	72	109	6	32	38	2	11	13	12	7	19	179
GRAND TOTAL	9180	3774	12,954	3067	1584	4651	1988	653	2641	1982	678	2660	22,906
	70.9	29.1	100.0	65.9	34.1	100.0	75.3	24.7	100.0	74.5	25.5	100.0	
			56.6			20.3			11.5			11.6	100.0

This table indicates the total number of adjudicatory hearings in each category of juvenile jurisdiction during the year. Juvenile petitions may be dismissed either for failure to prove that the child is delinquent, undisciplined, dependent or neglected or, if he is found to be so, because the child is not in need of the care, protection or discipline of the State. All cases dismissed for either of these reasons are counted in the "dismissed" column; all other cases are counted in the "retained" column.

DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL DOCKETS

In the graphs which follow, criminal case activity in the district court division during 1976 is compared with criminal case activity in district courts during the preceding four years. There was a 6.77% decrease in the number of criminal cases filed — 1,045,190 in 1976 as compared with 1,121,028 in 1975. There was a comparable decrease in the number of criminal case dispositions — 1,037,401 in 1976 as compared with 1,109,759 in 1975. There was some increase in the total number of pending criminal cases at year end, 113,108 as of December 31, 1976 compared with 105,319 as of December 31, 1975.

Tables are presented which show the distribution of pending criminal cases among the counties, the ten counties with the largest number of cases pending at the end of 1976, the ten counties with the highest ratios of dispositions to total caseloads, and the ten counties with the lowest ratios of dispositions to total caseloads.

Data is then shown, by judicial districts and by counties, on: (1) the number of criminal cases pending, filed and disposed of in 1976; (2) ages of criminal cases involving motor vehicle offenses pending on December 31, 1976; and (3) ages of non-motor vehicle criminal cases pending on December 31, 1976.

The decrease in the number of criminal cases filed in the district courts during 1976 as compared with the number in 1975 is not regarded as indicative of any long-range downward trend in case filings. The overall consistent trend of criminal case filings over the years has been upward, and this is expected to continue, in substantial parallel with the expected upward trend in the State's population in the years ahead.

The percentage breakdown for the types of district court criminal cases and the manner of dispositions has remained constant over the years. The pattern was no different in 1976. Of the total number of criminal cases filed in the district courts, 64.95% was for violation of the traffic laws. Non-motor vehicle cases made up the remaining 35.05%.

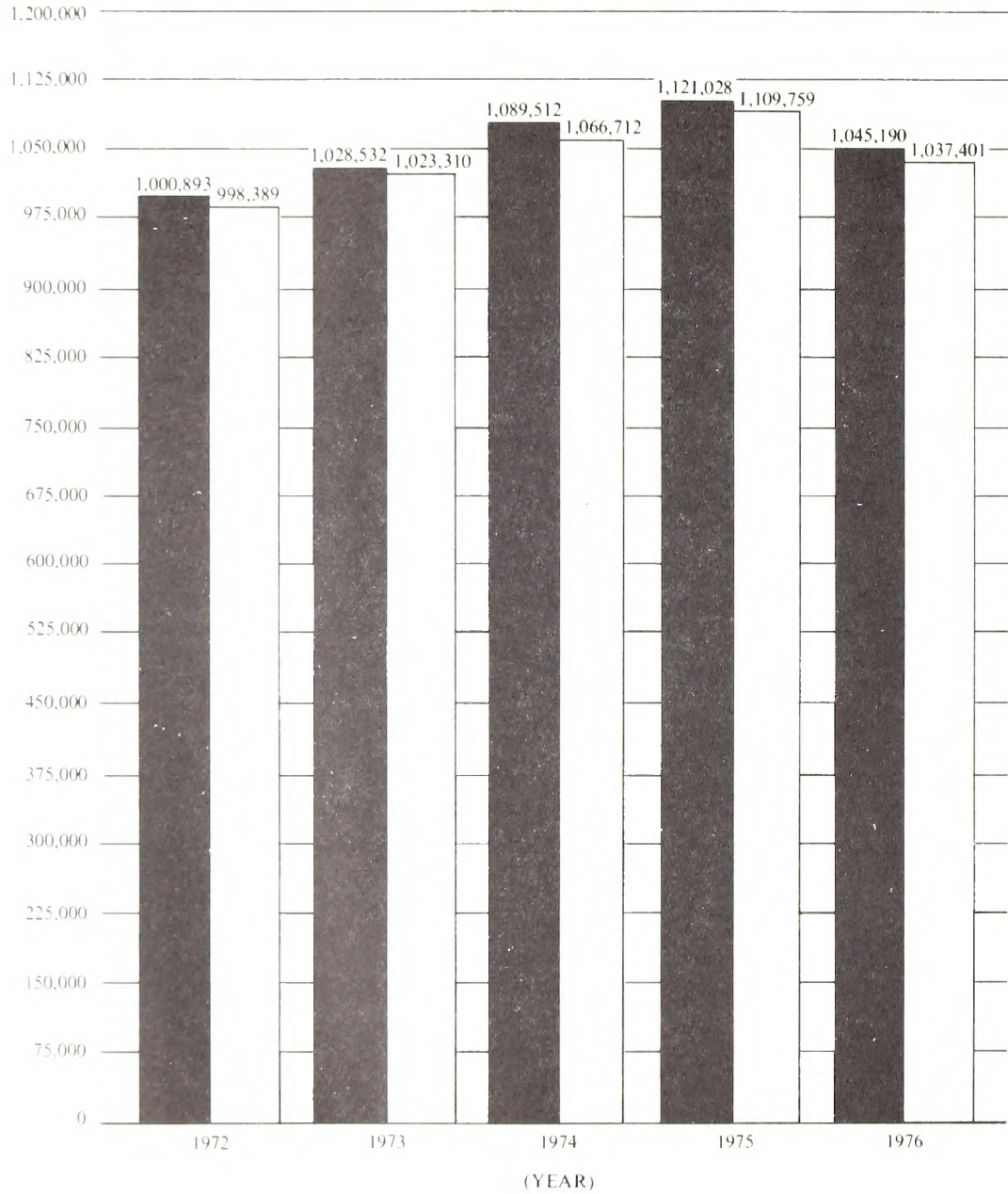
Only 8.89% of the cases disposed of was contested, requiring a trial before a district court judge. About one-fourth (25.99%) of the cases was disposed of upon a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, and 42.85% was disposed of by a waiver of appearance and trial and a written plea of guilty filed with a magistrate or the clerk. Preliminary hearings comprised 2.54% of district court criminal case dispositions, and the remaining 19.70% of the dispositions was by other means, such as dismissal by the district attorney.

The comment on speedy trial standards found in the section on the superior court criminal dockets is also applicable to district court criminal cases. The statutes in question make no distinction between criminal cases filed in the superior courts and those filed in the district courts.

The tables on ages of criminal cases pending in the district courts as of December 31, 1976, show that 18.8% of the motor vehicle cases and 25.1% of the non-motor vehicle cases had been pending more than six months; and 13.0% of the motor vehicle cases and 16.8% of the non-motor vehicle cases had been pending more than a year. One might speculate that by the time the mandatory standards under Chapter 787, 1977 Session Laws, become effective on October 1, 1978, there will be some significant reduction in the number of criminal cases pending for more than six months.

CRIMINAL CASES ADDED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURTS (For Years, 1972-1976)

NO. OF CASES



ADDED:



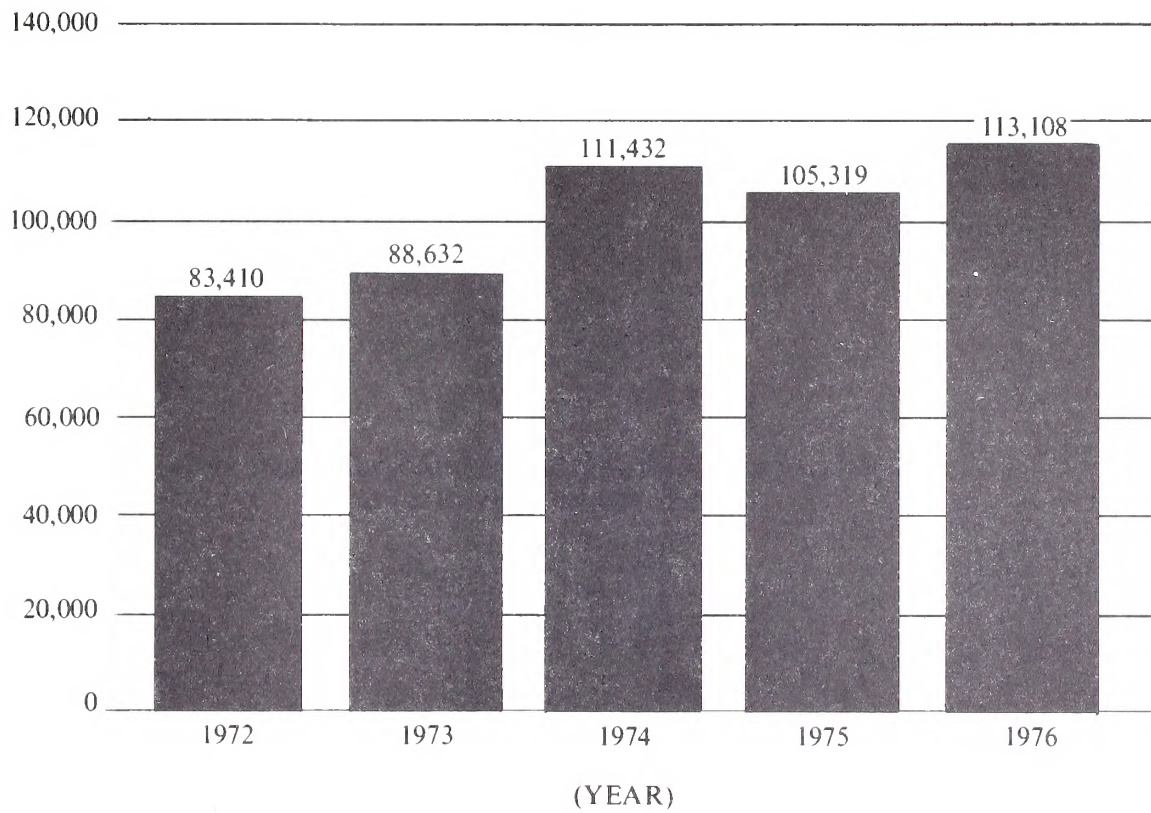
DISPOSED OF:



CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

(For Years, 1972-1976)

NO. OF CASES



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CRIMINAL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

(District Courts)

Number of Cases	Less than 100	101-300	301-500	501-1,000	Over 1,000
Number of Counties & Year: 1972	14	31	11	27	17
1973	11	30	14	24	21
1974	9	23	11	23	34
1975	6	23	10	25	36
1976	6	26	15	25	28

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CRIMINAL DOCKETS PENDING AT YEAR END

County	Pending 1/1/76	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12/31/76	Relation (%) of Disposi- tions to Filings
*Guilford	10,529	82,717	74,156	19,090	89.7
*Mecklenburg	12,058	76,021	78,541	9,538	103.3
*Wake	8,229	65,053	66,300	6,982	101.9
Durham	4,973	29,232	29,034	5,171	99.3
Cumberland	4,223	47,080	46,236	5,067	98.2
*Forsyth	3,697	45,537	45,765	3,469	100.5
*Gaston	2,796	27,537	27,380	2,953	99.4
Onslow	1,750	19,848	19,612	1,986	98.8
*New Hanover	2,259	20,181	20,529	1,911	101.7
Robeson	1,530	19,396	19,054	1,872	98.2
STATE MEAN	1,053	10,452	10,374	1,131	99.3

*Counties that were listed in this table in the 1975 Annual Report.

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH HIGHEST RATIOS OF DISPOSITIONS
TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Orange	12,053	11,628	96.5
Northampton	4,626	4,466	96.5
Tyrrell	1,191	1,149	96.5
Washington	2,463	2,354	95.6
Hyde	1,016	969	95.4
McDowell	8,625	8,187	94.9
Beaufort	8,615	8,167	94.8
Yancey	1,986	1,877	94.5
Iredell	12,506	11,805	94.4
Chatham	6,787	6,392	94.2
STATE MEAN	11,505	10,374	90.2

**THE TEN COUNTIES WITH LOWEST RATIOS OF DISPOSITIONS
TO TOTAL CASELOAD, 1976**

	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>	<u>% of Dis- positions to Caseload</u>
Guilford	93,246	74,156	79.5
Madison	1,546	1,276	82.5
Durham	34,205	29,034	84.9
Bladen	8,692	7,499	86.3
Wilkes	8,999	7,828	87.0
Ashe	2,549	2,230	87.5
Columbus	12,578	11,055	87.9
Sampson	9,939	8,759	88.1
Stanley	7,575	6,684	88.2
Rockingham	14,733	13,060	88.6
STATE MEAN	11,505	10,374	90.2

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<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>														
Camden	156	1300	88	1388	1544	143	253	893	11	86	1386	158	+	2
Chowan	246	1550	557	2107	2353	155	509	1064	193	253	2174	179	-	67
Currituck	11	1602	358	1960	1971	102	557	889	71	174	1793	178	+	167
Dare	209	2814	1017	3831	4040	240	829	1824	82	765	3740	300	+	91
Gates	49	1111	299	1410	1459	90	248	935	4	96	1373	86	+	37
Pasquotank	314	2473	1232	3705	4019	322	944	1712	76	684	3738	281	-	33
Perquimans	269	1326	272	1598	1867	148	297	996	21	254	1716	151	-	118
TOTAL	1254	12176	3823	15999	17253	1200	3637	8313	458	2312	15920	1333	+	79
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>														
Beaufort	612	5322	2681	8003	8615	495	2232	3850	420	1170	8167	448	-	164
Hyde	3	565	448	1013	1016	296	173	371	8	121	969	47	+	44
Martin	235	3622	1671	5293	5528	552	1237	2218	81	927	5015	513	+	278
Tyrrell	67	948	176	1124	1191	226	133	709	28	53	1149	42	-	25
Washington	18	1509	936	2445	2463	345	397	1311	32	269	2354	109	+	91
TOTAL	935	11966	5912	17878	18813	1914	4172	8459	569	2540	17654	1159	+	224
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>														
Carteret	684	5509	3336	8845	9529	548	2788	3219	247	2044	8846	683	-	1
Craven	675	7719	4331	12050	12725	1212	3448	5140	549	1561	11910	815	+	140
Pamlico	73	1384	605	1989	2062	337	702	778	77	46	1940	122	+	49
Pitt	512	12204	7232	19436	19948	1237	5370	8735	476	2463	18281	1667	+	1155
TOTAL	1944	26816	15504	42320	44264	3334	12308	17872	1349	6114	40977	3287	+	1343
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>														
Duplin	3159	6882	1758	8640	11799	613	2009	5950	188	2049	10809	990	-	2169
Jones	106	1515	465	1980	2086	527	192	932	16	241	1908	178	+	72
Onslow	1750	12031	7817	19848	21598	663	10183	3909	353	4504	19612	1986	+	236
Sampson	857	6329	2753	9082	9939	497	2455	4384	142	1281	8759	1180	+	323
TOTAL	5872	26757	12793	39550	45422	2300	14839	15175	699	8075	41088	4334	-	1538
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>														
New Hanover	2259	11485	8696	20181	22440	4727	1354	8481	1515	4452	20529	1911	-	348
Pender	340	3525	1122	4647	4987	458	1202	1958	35	839	4492	495	+	155
TOTAL	2599	15010	9818	24828	27427	5185	2556	10439	1550	5291	25021	2406	-	193
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>														
Bertie	392	2900	827	3727	4119	230	1052	2068	52	436	3838	281	-	111
Halifax	886	5869	3906	9775	10661	709	2749	3747	229	2491	9925	736	-	150
Hertford	319	3883	1342	5225	5544	337	978	2653	71	961	5000	544	+	225
Northampton	101	3632	893	4525	4626	206	1350	2105	53	752	4466	160	+	59
TOTAL	1698	16284	6968	23252	24950	1482	6129	10573	405	4640	23229	1721	+	23
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>														
Edgecombe	897	6350	4462	10812	11709	939	3402	4727	289	1643	11000	709	-	188
Nash	1040	7208	4727	11935	12975	843	3754	4903	331	2186	12017	958	-	82
Wilson	225	5914	4002	9916	10141	643	2014	4520	297	1782	9256	885	+	660
TOTAL	2162	19472	13191	32663	34825	2425	9170	14150	917	5611	32273	2552	+	390

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<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>													
Greene	277	1916	894	2810	3087	149	803	1320	89	504	2865	222	- 55
Lenoir	902	7339	5388	12727	13629	1146	4142	4553	354	2366	12561	1068	+ 166
Wayne	157	8342	4656	12998	13155	753	3552	5184	188	2167	11844	1311	+1154
TOTAL	1336	17597	10938	28535	29871	2048	8497	11057	631	5037	27270	2601	+1265
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>													
Franklin	1354	4586	1049	5635	6989	498	1865	3148	42	852	6405	584	- 770
Granville	476	4587	1544	6131	6607	360	1601	3315	106	742	6124	483	+ 7
Person	319	2954	1479	4433	4752	349	1235	1948	196	592	4320	432	+ 113
Vance	516	3494	2680	6174	6690	1341	1049	2548	283	1036	6257	433	- 83
Warren	109	1410	1163	2573	2682	199	447	1110	188	502	2446	236	+ 127
TOTAL	2774	17031	7915	24946	27720	2747	6197	12069	815	3724	25552	2168	- 606
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>													
Wake	8229	41976	23077	65053	73282	3807	18594	26046	507	17346	66300	6982	-1247
TOTAL	8229	41976	23077	65053	73282	3807	18594	26046	507	17346	66300	6982	-1247
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>													
Harnett	890	6316	3779	10095	10985	348	3758	3790	105	2141	10142	843	- 47
Johnston	1622	7876	4196	12072	13694	2168	3750	4454	214	1842	12428	1266	- 356
Lee	516	3366	3507	6873	7389	467	1723	3147	186	1280	6803	586	+ 70
TOTAL	3028	17558	11482	29040	32068	2983	9231	11391	505	5263	29373	2695	- 333
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cumberland	4223	27758	19322	47080	51303	3797	10641	17954	758	13086	46236	5067	+ 844
Hoke	497	3054	876	3930	4427	165	978	2249	101	590	4083	344	- 153
TOTAL	4720	30812	20198	51010	55730	3962	11619	20203	859	13676	50319	5411	+ 691
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>													
Bladen	383	6016	2293	8309	8692	676	2672	3653	117	381	7499	1193	+ 810
Brunswick	31	2960	2322	5282	5313	832	689	2019	109	1129	4778	535	+ 504
Columbus	1371	6216	4991	11207	12578	1506	2752	4724	171	1902	11055	1523	+ 152
TOTAL	1785	15192	24798	26583	3014	6113	10396	397	3412	23332	3251	+ 1466	
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>													
Durham	4973	19487	9745	29232	34205	1934	10460	11043	813	4784	29034	5171	+ 198
TOTAL	4973	19487	9745	29232	34205	1934	10460	11043	813	4784	29034	5171	+ 198
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>													
Alamance	690	12230	4956	17186	17876	823	4236	7751	448	3143	16401	1475	+ 785
Chatham	503	5077	1207	6284	6787	875	1752	2992	94	679	6392	395	- 108
Orange	1918	7096	3039	10135	12053	1289	2738	5406	405	1790	11628	425	-1493
TOTAL	3111	24403	9202	33605	36716	2987	8726	16149	947	5612	34421	2295	- 816
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>													
Robeson	1530	12068	7328	19396	20926	1133	7031	6824	722	3344	19054	1872	+ 342
Scotland	1087	5765	2127	7892	8979	648	2092	3834	178	1542	8294	685	- 402
TOTAL	2617	17833	9455	27288	29905	1781	9123	10658	900	4886	27348	2557	- 60

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<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>													
Caswell	182	2233	594	2827	3009	195	449	1357	86	589	2676	333	+ 151
Rockingham	1688	8883	4162	13045	14733	1417	3044	5154	949	2496	13060	1673	- 15
Stokes	359	3383	966	4349	4708	747	907	1953	73	587	4267	441	+ 82
Surry	506	6496	2233	8729	9235	1401	2076	3468	220	1156	8321	914	+ 408
TOTAL	2735	20995	7955	28950	31685	3760	6476	11932	1328	4828	28324	3361	+ 626
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>													
Guilford													
Greensboro	6145	46041	19503	65544	71689	3622	18762	26653	678	9356	59071	12618	+ 6473
High Point	4384	10040	7133	17173	21557	902	4651	6545	372	2615	15085	6472	+ 2088
TOTAL	10,529	56,081	26,636	82,717	93,246	4524	23,413	33,198	1050	11971	74156	19090	+ 8561
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cabarrus	278	11663	4018	15681	15959	1499	2813	8630	384	1473	14799	1160	+ 882
Montgomery	885	3097	2685	5782	6667	381	942	3243	309	1373	6248	419	- 466
Randolph	1266	10149	3246	13395	14661	1040	2684	7653	266	1699	13342	1319	+ 53
Rowan	898	11713	3936	15649	16547	1490	3046	7661	433	2568	15198	1349	+ 451
TOTAL	3327	36622	13885	50507	53834	4410	9485	7187	1392	7113	49587	4247	+ 920
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>													
Anson	434	3446	2028	5474	5908	359	1147	2916	162	861	5445	463	+ 29
Moore	729	4550	2946	7496	8225	491	1935	3319	298	1542	7585	640	- 89
Richmond	1125	5619	2455	8074	9199	912	1737	3541	311	1970	8471	728	- 397
Stanly	580	4569	2426	6995	7575	198	2316	2943	240	987	6684	891	+ 311
Union	573	5626	2618	8244	8817	577	2339	3687	198	1351	8152	665	+ 92
TOTAL	3441	23810	12473	36283	39724	2537	9474	16406	1209	6711	36337	3387	- 54
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>													
Forsyth	3697	32046	13491	45537	49234	4677	9205	23975	956	6952	45765	3469	- 228
TOTAL	3697	32046	13491	45537	49234	4677	9205	23975	956	6952	45765	3469	- 228
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>													
Alexander	59	1684	937	2621	2680	139	423	1294	244	332	2432	248	+ 189
Davidson	1126	11190	4346	15536	16662	1833	2407	8126	245	2689	15300	1362	+ 236
Davie	272	3638	609	4247	4519	309	651	2708	64	528	4260	259	- 13
Iredell	916	8095	3495	11590	12506	866	2902	5096	236	2705	11805	701	- 215
TOTAL	2373	24607	9387	33994	36367	3147	6383	17224	789	6254	33797	2570	+ 197
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>													
Alleghany	31	495	352	847	878	180	257	291	25	58	811	67	+ 36
Ashe	148	1584	817	2401	2549	242	623	1004	64	297	2230	319	+ 171
Wilkes	761	5280	2958	8238	8999	1027	1597	3334	177	1693	7828	1171	+ 410
Yadkin	205	2771	1016	3787	3992	569	738	2012	127	253	3699	293	+ 88
TOTAL	1145	10130	5143	15273	16418	2018	3215	6641	393	2301	14568	1850	+ 705
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>													
Avery	188	1325	1033	2358	2546	330	366	1097	49	460	2302	244	+ 56
Madison	246	896	404	1300	1546	126	117	587	33	413	1276	270	+ 24
Mitchell	160	947	376	1323	1483	387	43	813	5	73	1321	162	+ 2
Watauga	371	2992	876	3868	4239	342	648	2126	112	541	3769	470	+ 99
Yancey	45	1373	568	1941	1986	128	298	1123	21	307	1877	109	+ 64
TOTAL	1010	7533	3257	10790	11800	1313	1472	5746	220	1794	10545	1255	+ 245

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<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>													
Burke	939	7649	3309	10958	11897	3036	1139	4561	141	2152	11029	868	- 71
Caldwell	1243	5632	3804	9436	10679	1015	2452	3591	398	2183	9639	1040	- 203
Catawba	1365	8678	7826	16504	17869	975	6140	5440	744	3000	16299	1570	+ 205
TOTAL	3547	2159	14939	36898	40445	5026	9731	13592	1283	7335	36967	3478	- 69
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>													
Mecklenburg	12058	41775	34246	76021	88079	3056	16131	30850	1596	26908	78541	9538	-2520
TOTAL	12058	41775	34246	76021	88079	3056	16131	30850	1596	26908	78541	9538	-2520
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cleveland	732	8128	5255	13383	14115	3219	3372	5056	131	926	12704	1411	+ 679
Gaston	2796	14714	12823	27537	30333	1641	9560	7855	955	7369	27380	2953	+ 157
Lincoln	467	3315	1779	5094	5561	234	1575	1604	213	1429	5055	506	+ 39
TOTAL	3995	26157	19857	46014	50009	5094	14507	14515	1299	9724	45139	4870	+ 875
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>													
Buncombe	2262	15325	10042	25367	27629	1281	9258	7850	1402	6110	25901	1728	- 534
TOTAL	2262	15325	10042	25367	27629	1281	9258	7850	1402	6110	25901	1728	- 534
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>													
Henderson	399	5601	2738	8339	8738	1247	1695	3262	207	1434	7845	893	+ 494
McDowell	2312	4650	1663	6313	8625	848	1414	4066	229	1630	8187	438	-1874
Polk	610	1689	858	2547	3157	380	415	1329	54	745	2923	234	- 376
Rutherford	503	3838	3241	7079	7582	1459	1761	2565	233	955	6973	609	+ 106
Transylvania	249	2230	1098	3328	3577	436	803	1616	57	375	3287	290	+ 41
TOTAL	4073	18008	9598	27606	31679	4370	6088	12838	780	5139	29215	2464	-1609
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>													
Cherokee	37	1929	626	2555	2592	661	133	1244	1	328	2367	225	+ 188
Clay	43	834	111	945	988	234	790	574	0	7	894	94	+ 51
Graham	110	605	311	916	1026	350	90	486	1	25	952	74	- 36
Haywood	777	4049	2124	6173	6950	1363	1844	1966	156	869	6198	752	- 25
Jackson	339	2100	1029	3129	3468	447	615	1345	57	764	3228	240	- 99
Macon	663	2439	586	3025	3688	587	350	1925	22	566	3450	238	- 425
Swain	121	1481	1012	2493	2614	278	322	1026	93	640	2359	255	+ 134
TOTAL	2090	13437	5799	19236	21326	3920	3433	8566	330	3199	19448	1878	- 212
GRAND TOTAL	105,319	678,855	366,335	1,045,190	1,150,509	92,236	269,642	444,513	26,348	204,662	1,037,401	113,108	+ 7789

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	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
<i><u>1ST DISTRICT</u></i>											
Camden	151	62	22	10	6	26	24	1			
Percentage of Total		41.1	14.6	6.6	4.0	17.2	15.9	0.7			
Chowan	117	80	20	6	7	1			1		2
Percentage of Total		68.4	17.1	5.1	6.0	0.9			0.9		1.7
Currituck	128	69	29	5	9	14	2				
Percentage of Total		53.9	22.7	3.9	7.0	10.9	1.6				
Dare	188	78	44	16	27	9	9	3	2		
Percentage of Total		41.5	23.4	8.5	14.4	4.8	4.8	1.6	1.1		
Gates	69	38	7	1	6	9	7	1			
Percentage of Total		55.1	10.1	1.4	8.7	13.0	10.1	1.4			
Pasquotank	193	117	29	13	13	15	6				
Percentage of Total		60.6	15.0	6.7	6.7	7.8	3.1				
Perquimans	105	52	20	9	10	5	5				4
Percentage of Total		49.5	19.0	8.6	9.5	4.8	4.8				3.8
District Totals	951	496	171	60	78	79	53	5	3		6
Percentage of Total		52.2	18.0	6.3	8.2	8.3	5.6	0.5	0.3		0.6
<i><u>2ND DISTRICT</u></i>											
Beaufort	320	205	27	22	41	8	12	5			
Percentage of Total		64.1	8.4	6.9	12.8	2.5	3.8	1.6			
Hyde	22	7	5	4	4	2					
Percentage of Total		31.8	22.7	18.2	18.2	9.1					
Martin	398	289	46	20	35	8					
Percentage of Total		72.6	11.6	5.0	8.8	2.0					
Tyrrell	21	11	2	4	4						
Percentage of Total		52.4	9.5	19.0	19.0						
Washington	87	65	7	1	9	5					
Percentage of Total		74.7	8.0	1.1	10.3	5.7					
District Totals	848	577	87	51	93	23	12	5			
Percentage of Total		68.0	10.3	6.0	11.0	2.7	1.4	0.6			
<i><u>3RD DISTRICT</u></i>											
Carteret	417	196	70	29	25	57	33	5	1	1	
Percentage of Total		47.0	16.8	7.0	6.0	13.7	7.9	1.2	0.2	0.2	
Craven	542	286	64	37	61	56	35	3			
Percentage of Total		52.8	11.8	6.8	11.3	10.3	6.5	0.6			
Pamlico	78	44	16	8	4	3	2	1			
Percentage of Total		56.4	20.5	10.3	5.1	3.8	2.6	1.3			
Pitt	1,199	692	287	106	93	16	5				
Percentage of Total		57.7	23.9	8.8	7.8	1.3	0.4				
District Totals	2,236	1,218	437	180	183	132	75	9	1	1	
Percentage of Total		54.5	19.5	8.1	8.2	5.9	3.4	0.4			
<i><u>4TH DISTRICT</u></i>											
Duplin	842	399	167	42	62	63	73	32	2	2	
Percentage of Total		47.4	19.8	5.0	7.4	7.5	8.7	3.8	0.2	0.2	
Jones	82	37	16	24	5						
Percentage of Total		45.1	19.5	29.3	6.1						
Onslow	1,240	519	339	145	189	46	2				
Percentage of Total		41.9	27.3	11.7	15.2	3.7	0.2				
Sampson	832	377	147	69	87	104	44	4			
Percentage of Total		45.3	17.7	8.3	10.5	12.5	5.3	0.5			
District Totals	2,996	1,332	669	280	343	213	119	36	2	2	
Percentage of Total		44.5	22.3	9.3	11.4	7.1	4.0	1.2	0.1	0.1	

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<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
New Hanover	974	472	148	84	91	98	26	54			1
Percentage of Total		48.5	15.2	8.6	9.3	10.1	2.7	5.5			0.1
Pender	409	252	55	25	31	28	12	6			
Percentage of Total		61.6	13.4	6.1	7.6	6.8	2.9	1.5			
District Totals	1,383	724	203	109	122	126	38	60			1
Percentage of Total		52.3	14.7	7.9	8.8	9.1	2.7	4.3			0.1
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bertie	228	170	41	9	8						
Percentage of Total		74.6	18.0	3.9	3.5						
Halifax	459	312	98	22	13	14					
Percentage of Total		68.0	21.4	4.8	2.8	3.1					
Hertford	435	185	91	23	36	58	21	9	3	3	6
Percentage of Total		42.5	20.9	5.3	8.3	13.3	4.8	2.1	0.7	0.7	1.4
Northampton	112	9	43	39	19	2					
Percentage of Total		8.0	38.4	34.8	17.0	1.8					
District Totals	1,234	676	273	93	76	74	21	9	3	3	6
Percentage of Total		54.8	22.1	7.5	6.2	6.0	1.7	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.5
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>											
Edgecombe	443	268	102	28	31	6	7	1			
Percentage of Total		60.5	23.0	6.3	7.0	1.4	1.6	0.2			
Nash	598	343	123	69	48	10	4	1			
Percentage of Total		57.4	20.6	11.5	8.0	1.7	0.7	0.2			
Wilson	561	351	86	69	45	8	1				1
Percentage of Total		62.6	15.3	12.3	8.0	1.4	0.2				0.2
District Totals	1,602	962	311	166	124	24	12	2			1
Percentage of Total		60.0	19.4	10.4	7.7	1.5	0.7	0.1			0.1
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>											
Greene	159	85	24	20	19	11					
Percentage of Total		53.5	15.1	12.6	11.9	6.9					
Lenoir	659	302	156	79	87	32	3				
Percentage of Total		45.8	23.7	12.0	13.2	4.9	0.5				
Wayne	840	458	128	135	99	17	3				
Percentage of Total		54.5	15.2	16.1	11.8	2.0	0.4				
District Totals	1,658	845	308	234	205	60	6				
Percentage of Total		51.0	18.6	14.1	12.4	3.6	0.4				
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>											
Franklin	482	208	123	47	43	41	19	1			
Percentage of Total		43.2	25.5	9.8	8.9	8.5	3.9	0.2			
Granville	307	182	53	32	17	11	5	4		2	1
Percentage of Total		59.3	17.3	10.4	5.5	3.6	1.6	1.3		0.7	0.3
Person	298	134	49	25	35	15	40				
Percentage of Total		45.0	16.4	8.4	11.7	5.0	13.4				
Vance	243	141	42	29	21	4	6				
Percentage of Total		58.0	17.3	11.9	8.6	1.6	2.5				
Warren	86	46	14	6	7	7	5	1			
Percentage of Total		53.5	16.3	7.0	8.1	8.1	5.8	1.2			
District Totals	1,416	711	281	139	123	78	75	6		2	1
Percentage of Total		50.2	19.8	9.8	8.7	5.5	5.3	0.4		0.1	0.1

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10TH DISTRICT

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Wake	4,978	2,530	1,401	539	421	75	6	5			1
Percentage of Total		50.8	28.1	10.8	8.5	1.5	0.1	0.1			
District Totals	4978	2,530	1,401	539	421	75	6	5			1
Percentage of Total		50.8	28.1	10.8	8.5	1.5	0.1	0.1			

11TH DISTRICT

Harnett	558	324	114	63	48	5	4				
Percentage of Total		58.1	20.4	11.3	8.6	0.9	0.7				
Johnston	807	437	177	93	66	12	4	5		6	7
Percentage of Total		54.2	21.9	11.5	8.2	1.5	0.5	0.6		0.7	0.9
Lee	299	119	77	13	58	24	4	4			
Percentage of Total		39.8	25.8	4.3	19.4	8.0	1.3	1.3			
District Totals	1,664	880	368	169	172	41	12	9		6	7
Percentage of Total		52.9	22.1	10.2	10.3	2.5	0.7	0.5		0.4	0.4

12TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	3,347	1,867	740	361	339	38	2				
Percentage of Total		55.8	22.1	10.8	10.1	1.1	0.1				
Hoke	233	144	47	37	1	3	1				
Percentage of Total		61.8	20.2	15.9	0.4	1.3	0.4				
District Totals	3,580	2,011	787	398	340	41	3				
Percentage of Total		56.2	22.0	11.1	9.5	1.1	0.1				

13TH DISTRICT

Bladen	808	327	117	43	90	108	82	29	11		1
Percentage of Total		40.5	14.5	5.3	11.1	13.4	10.1	3.6	1.4		0.1
Brunswick	309	122	68	69	43	7					
Percentage of Total		39.5	22.0	22.3	13.9	2.3					
Columbus	847	338	134	98	114	117	46				
Percentage of Total		39.9	15.8	11.6	13.5	13.8	5.4				
District Totals	1,964	787	319	210	247	232	128	29	11		1
Percentage of Total		40.1	16.2	10.7	12.6	11.8	6.5	1.5	0.6		0.1

14TH DISTRICT

Durham	3,761	924	252	120	121	70	402	351	273	200	1,048
Percentage of Total		24.6	6.7	3.2	3.2	1.9	10.7	9.3	7.3	5.3	27.9
District Totals	3,761	924	252	120	121	70	402	351	273	200	1,048
Percentage of Total		24.6	6.7	3.2	3.2	1.9	10.7	9.3	7.3	5.3	27.9

15TH DISTRICT

Alamance	1,031	646	185	72	68	44	13	1		1	1
Percentage of Total		62.7	17.9	7.0	6.6	4.3	1.3	0.1		0.1	0.1
Chatham	319	201	51	23	31	9	4				
Percentage of Total		63.0	16.0	7.2	9.7	2.8	1.3				
Orange	305	21	95	45	77	51	14	2			
Percentage of Total		6.9	31.1	14.8	25.2	16.7	4.6	0.7			
District Totals	1,655	868	331	140	176	104	31	3		1	1
Percentage of Total		52.4	20.0	8.5	10.6	6.3	1.9	0.2		0.1	0.1

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Robeson	1,044	616	200	105	115	5	3				
Percentage of Total		59.0	19.2	10.1	11.0	0.5	0.3				
Scotland	472	350	39	28	41	12	2				
Percentage of Total		74.2	8.3	4.4	10.2	2.5	0.4				
District Totals	1,516	966	239	126	163	17	5				
Percentage of Total		63.7	15.8	8.3	10.8	1.1	0.3				
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>											
Caswell	236	103	80	23	24	4	2				
Percentage of Total		43.6	33.9	9.7	10.2	1.7	0.8				
Rockingham	950	383	247	111	132	66	11				
Percentage of Total		40.3	26.0	11.7	13.9	6.9	1.2				
Stokes	295	179	58	22	32	4					
Percentage of Total		60.7	19.7	7.5	10.8	1.4					
Surry	527	275	105	65	56	23	2		1		
Percentage of Total		52.2	19.9	12.3	10.6	4.4	0.4		0.2		
District Totals	2,008	940	490	221	244	97	15		1		
Percentage of Total		46.8	24.4	11.0	12.2	4.8	0.7				
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>											
Guilford	8,042	1,995	895	522	644	1,007	1,767	1,066	99	42	5
Percentage of Total		24.8	11.1	6.5	8.0	12.5	22.0	13.3	1.2	0.5	0.1
High Point	4,196	645	433	262	256	372	763	595	415	202	253
Percentage of Total		15.4	10.3	6.2	6.1	8.9	18.2	14.2	9.9	4.8	6.0
District Totals	12,238	2,640	1,328	784	900	1,379	2,530	1,661	514	244	258
Percentage of Total		21.6	10.9	6.4	7.4	11.3	20.7	13.6	4.2	2.0	2.1
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cabarrus	929	525	220	90	64	24	6				
Percentage of Total		56.5	23.7	9.7	6.9	2.6	0.6				
Montgomery	37	11	18	7	1						
Percentage of Total		29.7	48.6	18.9	2.7						
Randolph	953	455	186	93	104	72	19	8	5	7	4
Percentage of Total		47.7	19.5	9.8	10.9	7.6	2.0	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.4
Rowan	1,000	616	188	92	68	21	9	1	2	1	2
Percentage of Total		61.6	18.8	9.2	6.8	2.1	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
District Totals	2,919	1,607	612	282	237	117	34	9	7	8	6
Percentage of Total		55.1	21.0	9.7	8.1	4.0	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>											
Anson	295	177	60	16	28	13	1				
Percentage of Total		60.0	20.3	5.4	9.5	4.4	0.3				
Moore	369	169	87	28	52	17	16				
Percentage of Total		45.8	23.6	7.6	14.1	4.6	4.3				
Richmond	528	261	138	43	42	5	1	27	2	7	2
Percentage of Total		49.4	26.1	8.1	8.0	0.9	0.2	5.1	0.4	1.3	0.4
Stanly	588	285	73	52	12	15	42	23	16	11	59
Percentage of Total		48.5	12.4	8.8	2.0	2.6	7.1	3.9	2.7	1.9	10.0
Union	400	239	61	25	24	16	16	12	6	1	
Percentage of Total		59.8	15.3	6.3	6.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	1.5	0.3	
District Totals	2,180	1,131	419	164	158	66	76	62	24	19	61
Percentage of Total		51.9	19.2	7.5	7.2	3.0	3.5	2.8	1.1	0.9	2.8

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<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>											
Forsyth	2,564	1,525	367	116	204	350	1	1			
Percentage of Total		59.5	14.3	4.5	8.0	13.7					
District Totals	2,564	1,525	367	116	204	350	1	1			
Percentage of Total		59.5	14.3	4.5	8.0	13.7					
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>											
Alexander	183	142	30	2	6	3					
Percentage of Total		77.6	16.4	1.1	3.3	1.6					
Davidson	958	576	243	63	53	16	5	2			
Percentage of Total		60.1	25.4	6.6	5.5	1.7	0.5	0.2			
Davie	192	135	41	8	6	1	1				
Percentage of Total		70.3	21.4	4.2	3.1	0.5	0.5				
Iredell	506	361	76	35	19	15					
Percentage of Total		71.3	15.0	6.9	3.8	3.0					
District Totals	1,839	1,214	390	108	84	35	6	2			
Percentage of Total		66.0	21.2	5.9	4.6	1.9	0.3	0.1			
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>											
Alleghany	35	22	9	4							
Percentage of Total		62.9	25.7	11.4							
Ashe	185	81	36	3	21	8	13	18	5		
Percentage of Total		43.8	19.5	1.6	11.4	4.3	7.0	9.7	2.7		
Wilkes	732	243	89	52	63	48	133	104			
Percentage of Total		33.2	12.2	7.1	8.6	6.6	18.2	14.2			
Yadkin	231	155	41	10	12	10	3				
Percentage of Total		67.1	17.7	4.3	5.2	4.3	1.3				
District Totals	1,183	501	175	69	96	66	149	122	5		
Percentage of Total		42.3	14.8	5.8	8.1	5.6	12.6	10.3	0.4		
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>											
Avery	91	47	24	5	7	6	2				
Percentage of Total		51.6	26.4	5.5	7.7	6.6	2.2				
Madison	130	37	31	15	37	5	5				
Percentage of Total		28.5	23.8	11.5	28.5	3.8	3.8				
Mitchell	113	60	29	7	9	8					
Percentage of Total		53.1	25.7	6.2	8.0	7.1					
Watauga	330	111	51	26	54	45	31	5	3	1	3
Percentage of Total		33.6	15.5	7.9	16.4	13.6	9.4	1.5	0.9	0.3	0.9
Yancey	91	65	12	6	6		2				
Percentage of Total		71.4	13.2	6.6	6.6		2.2				
District Totals	755	320	147	59	113	64	40	5	3	1	3
Percentage of Total		42.4	19.5	7.8	15.0	8.5	5.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.4
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>											
Burke	599	311	130	102	23	22	11				
Percentage of Total		51.9	21.7	17.0	3.8	3.7	1.8				
Caldwell	556	245	98	61	50	39	41	22			
Percentage of Total		44.1	17.6	11.0	9.0	7.0	7.4	4.0			
Catawba	1,003	611	237	84	64	7					
Percentage of Total		60.9	23.6	8.4	6.4	0.7					
District Totals	2,158	1,167	465	247	137	68	52	22			
Percentage of Total		54.1	21.5	11.4	6.3	3.2	2.4	1.0			

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Mecklenburg	5,246	2,651	1,194	461	438	202	180	46	44	15	15
Percentage of Total		50.5	22.8	8.8	8.3	3.9	3.4	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.3
District Totals	5,246	2,651	1,194	461	438	202	180	46	44	15	15
Percentage of Total		50.5	22.8	8.8	8.3	3.9	3.4	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.3
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cleveland	804	373	160	100	133	28	5	5			
Percentage of Total		46.4	19.9	12.4	16.5	3.5	0.6	0.6			
Gaston	1,863	774	383	192	302	190	19	3			
Percentage of Total		41.5	20.6	10.3	16.2	10.2	1.0	0.2			
Lincoln	269	130	53	56	22	4	4				
Percentage of Total		48.3	19.7	20.8	8.2	1.5	1.5				
District Totals	2,936	1,277	596	348	457	222	28	8			
Percentage of Total		43.5	20.3	11.9	15.6	7.6	1.0	0.3			
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>											
Buncombe	1,126	605	180	105	148	72	13	3			
Percentage of Total		53.7	16.0	9.3	13.1	6.4	1.2	0.3			
District Totals	1,126	605	180	105	148	72	13	3			
Percentage of Total		53.7	16.0	9.3	13.1	6.4	1.2	0.3			
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>											
Henderson	628	270	121	85	94	24	14	17	2	1	
Percentage of Total		43.0	19.3	13.5	15.0	3.8	2.2	2.7	0.3	0.2	
McDowell	326	162	109	26	15	7	7				
Percentage of Total		49.7	33.4	8.0	4.6	2.1	2.1				
Polk	165	62	31	12	18	23	8	8	3		
Percentage of Total		37.6	18.8	7.3	10.9	13.9	4.8	4.8	1.8		
Rutherford	392	204	64	30	32	6	52	3		1	
Percentage of Total		52.0	16.3	7.7	8.2	1.5	13.3	0.8		0.3	
Transylvania	231	132	36	24	24	15					
Percentage of Total		57.1	15.6	10.4	10.4	6.5					
District Totals	1,742	830	361	177	183	75	81	28	5	2	
Percentage of Total		47.6	20.7	10.2	10.5	4.3	4.6	1.6	0.3	0.1	
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>											
Cherokee	137	70	33	12	21		1				
Percentage of Total		51.1	24.1	8.8	15.3		0.7				
Clay	75	32	16	6	8	3	3	7			
Percentage of Total		42.7	21.3	8.0	10.7	4.0	4.0	9.3			
Graham	48	25	4	2	7	8	2				
Percentage of Total		52.1	8.3	4.2	14.6	16.7	4.2				
Haywood	376	149	105	47	48	23	4				
Percentage of Total		39.6	27.9	12.5	12.8	6.1	1.1				
Jackson	166	133	22	2	6	3					
Percentage of Total		80.1	13.3	1.2	3.6	1.8					
Macon	148	52	31	13	9	4	33	6			
Percentage of Total		35.1	20.9	8.8	6.1	2.7	22.3	4.1			
Swain	151	96	24	8	9	6	7	1			
Percentage of Total		63.6	15.9	5.3	6.0	4.0	4.6	0.7			
District Totals	1,101	557	235	90	108	47	50	14			
Percentage of Total		50.6	21.3	8.2	9.8	4.3	4.5	1.3			
State Totals	73,437	33,472	13,396	6,245	6,494	4,249	4,253	2,512	896	504	1,416
Percentage of Total		45.6	18.2	8.5	8.8	5.8	5.8	3.4	1.2	0.7	1.9

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Camden	7	3	1		2	1					
Percentage of Total		42.9	14.3		28.6	14.3					
Chowan	62	22	7	2	4	2	11	1		1	12
Percentage of Total		35.5	11.3	3.2	6.5	3.2	17.7	1.6		1.6	19.4
Currituck	50	16	8	1	21	3	1				
Percentage of Total		32.0	16.0	2.0	42.0	6.0	2.0				
Dare	112	42	15	14	19	8	7	6		1	
Percentage of Total		37.5	13.4	12.5	17.0	7.1	6.3	5.4		0.9	
Gates	17	2					2	9	2		2
Percentage of Total		11.8					11.8	52.9	11.8		11.8
Pasquotank	88	56	8	4	14	6					
Percentage of Total		63.6	9.1	4.5	15.9	6.8					
Perquimans	46	9	9	1	4	3	9	2	2	4	3
Percentage of Total		19.6	19.6	2.2	8.7	6.5	19.6	4.3	4.3	8.7	6.5
District Totals	382	150	48	22	64	23	30	18	4	6	17
Percentage of Total		39.3	12.6	5.8	16.8	6.0	7.9	4.7	1.0	1.6	4.5
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>											
Beaufort	128	34	9	14	26	10	24	7	3	1	
Percentage of Total		26.6	7.0	10.9	20.3	7.8	18.8	5.5	2.3	0.8	
Hyde	25	17	1	2	5						
Percentage of Total		68.0	4.0	8.0	20.0						
Martin	115	57	16	17	18	2	3		1	1	
Percentage of Total		49.6	13.9	14.8	15.7	1.7	2.6		0.9	0.9	
Tyrrell	21	5	7	3	5		1				
Percentage of Total		23.8	33.3	14.3	23.8		4.8				
Washington	22	16	3		3						
Percentage of Total		72.7	13.6		13.6						
District Totals	311	129	36	36	57	12	28	7	4	2	
Percentage of Total		41.5	11.6	11.6	18.3	3.9	9.0	2.3	1.3	0.6	
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>											
Carteret	266	105	40	32	19	38	22	5	5		
Percentage of Total		39.5	15.0	12.0	7.1	14.3	8.3	1.9	1.9		
Craven	273	125	49	26	32	15	18	5	3		
Percentage of Total		45.8	17.9	9.5	11.7	5.5	6.6	1.8	1.1		
Pamlico	44	13	8	12	9	1	1				
Percentage of Total		29.5	18.2	27.3	20.5	2.3	2.3				
Pitt	468	257	83	42	32	39	11	4			
Percentage of Total		54.9	17.7	9.0	6.8	8.3	2.4	0.9			
District Totals	1,051	500	180	112	92	93	52	14		8	
Percentage of Total		47.6	17.1	10.7	8.8	8.8	4.9	1.3	0.8		
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>											
Duplin	148	87	43	18							
Percentage of Total		58.8	29.1	12.2							
Jones	96	55	25	9	4	2	1				
Percentage of Total		57.3	26.0	9.4	4.2	2.1	1.0				
Onslow	746	396	208	93	35	14					
Percentage of Total		53.1	27.9	12.5	4.7	1.9					
Sampson	348	135	94	32	36	30	14	4	1	1	1
Percentage of Total		38.8	27.0	9.2	10.3	8.6	4.0	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
District Totals	1338	673	370	152	75	46	15	4	1	1	1
Percentage of Total		50.3	27.7	11.4	5.6	3.4	1.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1

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<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-60 Days	61-90 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
New Hanover	937	360	223	110	52	86	59	46	1		
Percentage of Total		38.4	23.8	11.7	5.5	9.2	6.3	4.9	0.1		
Pender	86	41	14	5	5	7	14				
Percentage of Total		47.7	16.3	5.8	5.8	8.1	16.3				
District Totals	1,023	401	237	115	57	93	73	46	1		
Percentage of Total		39.2	23.2	11.2	5.6	9.1	7.1	4.5	0.1		
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>											
Bertie	53	37	11	5							
Percentage of Total		69.8	20.8	9.4							
Halifax	277	157	82	14	17	5	2				
Percentage of Total		56.7	29.6	5.1	6.1	1.8	0.7				
Hertford	109	36	23	21	11	13	2	2	1		
Percentage of Total		33.0	21.1	19.3	10.1	11.9	1.8	1.8	0.9		
Northampton	48	12	16	7	9	1	1	2			
Percentage of Total		25.0	33.3	14.6	18.8	2.1	2.1	4.2			
District Totals	487	242	132	47	37	19	5	4	1		
Percentage of Total		49.7	27.1	9.7	7.6	3.9	1.0	0.8	0.2		
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>											
Edgecombe	266	161	66	18	14	4	3				
Percentage of Total		60.5	24.8	6.8	5.3	1.5	1.1				
Nash	360	166	81	45	41	15	5	6			1
Percentage of Total		46.1	22.5	12.5	11.4	4.2	1.4	1.7			0.3
Wilson	324	151	62	26	33	31	16			1	4
Percentage of Total		46.6	19.1	8.0	10.2	9.6	4.9			0.3	1.2
District Totals	950	478	209	89	88	50	24	6		1	5
Percentage of Total		50.3	22.0	9.4	9.3	5.3	2.5	0.6		0.1	0.5
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>											
Greene	63	15	17	12	18		1				
Percentage of Total		23.8	27.0	19.0	28.6		1.6				
Lenoir	409	167	115	44	69	12	2				
Percentage of Total		40.8	28.1	10.8	16.9	2.9	0.5				
Wayne	471	252	90	33	56	33	7				
Percentage of Total		53.5	19.1	7.0	11.9	7.0	1.5				
District Totals	943	434	222	89	143	45	10				
Percentage of Total		46.0	23.5	9.4	15.2	4.8	1.1				
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>											
Franklin	102	40	20	3	16	13	5	3	1	1	
Percentage of Total		39.2	19.6	2.9	15.7	12.7	4.9	2.9	1.0	1.0	
Granville	176	48	14	7	28	24	18	18	9	6	4
Percentage of Total		27.3	8.0	4.0	15.9	13.6	10.2	10.2	5.1	3.4	2.3
Person	134	56	26	7	12	6	23	3	1		
Percentage of Total		41.8	19.4	5.2	9.0	4.5	17.2	2.2	0.7		
Vance	190	90	29	26	35	9	1				
Percentage of Total		47.4	15.3	13.7	18.4	4.7	0.5				
Warren	150	21	13	9	19	29	45	2	3		9
Percentage of Total		14.0	8.7	6.0	12.7	19.3	30.0	1.3	2.0		6.0
District Totals	752	255	102	52	110	81	92	26	14	7	13
Percentage of Total		33.9	13.6	6.9	14.6	10.8	12.2	3.5	1.9	0.9	1.7

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<i>10TH DISTRICT</i>	Total Pending	Less than 30 Days	30-90 Days	91-180 Days	91-180 Days	181 Days To 1 Year	1 Year To 2 Years	2 Years To 3 Years	3 Years To 4 Years	4 Years To 5 Years	Greater Than 5 Years
Wake	2,004	912	514	222	220	102	25	8	1		
Percentage of Total		45.5	25.6	11.1	11.0	5.1	1.2	0.4			
District Totals	2,004	912	514	222	220	102	25	8	1		
Percentage of Total		45.5	25.6	11.1	11.0	5.1	1.2	0.4			
<i>11TH DISTRICT</i>											
Harnett	285	107	67	38	29	18	3	8	1	4	10
Percentage of Total		37.5	23.5	13.3	10.2	6.3	1.1	2.8	0.4	1.4	3.5
Johnston	459	185	89	61	77	28	10	4			5
Percentage of Total		40.3	19.4	13.3	16.8	6.1	2.2	0.9			1.1
Lee	287	129	133	24	1						
Percentage of Total		44.9	46.3	8.4	0.3						
District Totals	1,031	421	289	123	107	46	13	12	1	4	15
Percentage of Total		40.8	28.0	11.9	10.4	4.5	1.3	1.2	0.1	0.4	1.5
<i>12TH DISTRICT</i>											
Cumberland	1,720	686	432	222	211	134	34				1
Percentage of Total		39.9	25.1	12.9	12.3	7.8	2.0				0.1
Hoke	111	55	20	28	5	1	2				
Percentage of Total		49.5	18.0	25.2	4.5	0.9	1.8				
District Totals	1,831	741	452	250	216	135	36				1
Percentage of Total		40.5	24.7	13.7	11.8	7.4	2.0				0.1
<i>13TH DISTRICT</i>											
Bladen	385	114	44	30	36	14	76	54	12	2	3
Percentage of Total		29.6	11.4	7.8	9.4	3.6	19.7	14.0	3.1	0.5	0.8
Brunswick	226	90	59	40	28	5	2	2			
Percentage of Total		39.8	26.1	17.7	12.4	2.2	0.9	0.9			
Columbus	676	291	168	127	34	26	12	11	7		
Percentage of Total		43.0	24.9	18.8	5.0	3.8	1.8	1.6	1.0		
District Totals	1,287	495	271	197	98	45	90	67	19	2	3
Percentage of Total		21.1	15.3	7.6	3.5	7.0	5.2	1.5	0.2	0.2	
<i>14TH DISTRICT</i>											
Durham	1,410	368	187	148	68	77	48	120	68	37	289
Percentage of Total		26.1	13.3	10.5	4.8	5.5	3.4	8.5	4.8	2.6	20.5
District Totals	1,410	368	187	148	68	77	48	120	68	37	289
Percentage of Total		26.1	13.3	10.5	4.8	5.5	3.4	8.5	4.8	2.6	20.5
<i>15TH DISTRICT</i>											
Alamance	444	182	82	41	53	44	29		11	1	1
Percentage of Total		41.0	18.5	9.2	11.9	9.9	6.5		2.5	0.2	0.2
Chatham	76	47	12	4	9	2	2				
Percentage of Total		61.8	15.8	5.3	11.8	2.6	2.6				
Orange	120	25	16	23	31	21	4				
Percentage of Total		20.8	13.3	19.2	25.8	17.5	3.3				
District Totals	640	254	110	68	93	67	35		11	1	1
Percentage of Total		39.7	17.2	10.6	14.5	10.5	5.5		1.7	0.2	0.2

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Robeson	828	447	185	108	69	17	2				
Percentage of Total		54.0	22.3	13.0	8.3	2.1	0.2				
Scotland	213	152	25	23	8	1	4				
Percentage of Total		71.4	11.7	10.8	3.8	0.5	1.9				
District Totals	1,041	599	210	131	77	18	6				
Percentage of Total		57.5	20.2	12.6	7.4	1.7	0.6				

17TH DISTRICT

Caswell	97	42	22	13	13	5	1	1			
Percentage of Total		43.3	22.7	13.4	13.4	5.2	1.0	1.0			
Rockingham	723	266	117	98	152	67	12	11			
Percentage of Total		36.8	16.2	13.6	21.0	9.3	1.7	1.5			
Stokes	146	63	35	12	14	20	1	1			
Percentage of Total		43.2	24.0	8.2	9.6	13.7	0.7	0.7			
Surry	387	165	56	81	54	17	14				
Percentage of Total		42.6	14.5	20.9	14.0	4.4	3.6				
District Totals	1,353	536	230	204	233	109	28	13			
Percentage of Total		39.6	17.0	15.1	17.2	8.1	2.1	1.0			

18TH DISTRICT

Guilford	4,983	612	664	617	853	767	715	569	130	40	16
Percentage of Total		12.3	13.3	12.4	17.1	15.4	14.3	11.4	2.6	0.8	0.3
High Point	3,057	321	246	251	244	290	329	336	234	207	599
Percentage of Total		10.5	8.0	8.2	8.0	9.5	10.8	11.0	7.7	6.8	19.6
District Totals	8,040	933	910	868	1,097	1,057	1,044	905	364	247	615
Percentage of Total		11.6	11.3	10.8	13.6	13.1	13.0	11.3	4.5	3.1	7.6

19TH DISTRICT

Cabarrus	231	120	66	16	24	1	1	3			
Percentage of Total		51.9	28.6	6.9	10.4	0.4	0.4	1.3			
Montgomery	382	218	36	15	23	30	20	23	16		1
Percentage of Total		57.1	9.4	3.9	6.0	7.9	5.2	6.0	4.2		0.3
Randolph	366	176	47	40	26	24	23	13	11	3	3
Percentage of Total		48.1	12.8	10.9	7.1	6.6	6.3	3.6	3.0	0.8	0.8
Rowan	349	158	58	35	40	20	19	10	6	3	
Percentage of Total		45.3	16.6	10.0	11.5	5.7	5.4	2.9	1.7	0.9	
District Totals	1,328	672	207	106	113	75	63	49	33	6	4
Percentage of Total		50.6	15.6	8.0	8.5	5.6	4.7	3.7	2.5	0.5	0.3

20TH DISTRICT

Anson	168	81	41	24	16	4	1	1			
Percentage of Total		48.2	24.4	14.3	9.5	2.4	0.6	0.6			
Moore	271	119	63	37	19	7	13	10	3		
Percentage of Total		43.9	23.2	13.7	7.0	2.6	4.8	3.7	1.1		
Richmond	200	92	37	32	12	11	10	6			
Percentage of Total		46.0	18.5	16.0	6.0	5.5	5.0	3.0			
Stanly	303	73	35	15	6	29	47	12	21	11	54
Percentage of Total		24.1	11.6	5.0	2.0	9.6	15.5	4.0	6.9	3.6	17.8
Union	265	124	31	8	29	27	40	6			
Percentage of Total		46.8	11.7	3.0	10.9	10.2	15.1	2.3			
District Totals	1,207	489	207	116	82	78	111	35	24	11	54
Percentage of Total		40.5	17.1	9.6	6.8	6.5	9.2	2.9	2.0	0.9	4.5

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21ST DISTRICT

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Forsyth	905	559	212	87	15	22	5	2	1	2	
Percentage of Total		61.8	23.4	9.6	1.7	2.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	
District Totals	905	559	212	87	15	22	5	2	1	2	
Percentage of Total		61.8	23.4	9.6	1.7	2.4	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	

22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	65	31	14	10	9	1					
Percentage of Total		47.7	21.5	15.4	13.8	1.5					
Davidson	404	210	83	31	31	26	12	8		3	
Percentage of Total		52.0	20.5	7.7	7.7	6.4	3.0	2.0		0.7	
Davie	67	28	19	11	4	3	2				
Percentage of Total		41.8	28.4	16.4	6.0	4.5	3.0				
Iredell	195	106	60	15	9	4					
Percentage of Total		54.4	30.8	7.7	4.6	2.1					
District Totals	731	375	176	67	53	34	14	9		3	
Percentage of Total		51.3	24.1	9.2	7.3	4.7	1.9	1.2		0.4	

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	32	10	3	2	3	12	1	1			
Percentage of Total		31.3	9.4	6.3	9.4	37.5	3.1	3.1			
Ashe	134	52	21	17	11	17	6	7	1	2	
Percentage of Total		38.8	15.7	12.7	8.2	12.7	4.5	5.2	0.7	1.5	
Wilkes	439	201	42	23	36	32	62	43			
Percentage of Total		45.8	9.6	5.2	8.2	7.3	14.1	9.8			
Yadkin	62	37	15	2	7	1					
Percentage of Total		59.7	24.2	3.2	11.3	1.6					
District Totals	667	300	81	44	57	62	69	51	1	2	
Percentage of Total		45.0	12.1	6.6	8.5	9.3	10.3	7.6	0.1	0.3	

24TH DISTRICT

Avery	153	78	37	14	19	5					
Percentage of Total		51.0	24.2	9.2	12.4	3.3					
Madison	140	34	20	16	30	16	11	7	2	1	3
Percentage of Total		24.3	14.3	11.4	21.4	11.4	7.9	5.0	1.4	0.7	2.1
Mitchell	49	18	13	1	4	10	3				
Percentage of Total		36.7	26.5	2.0	8.2	20.4	6.1				
Watauga	140	24	19	9	14	28	26	13	3	1	3
Percentage of Total		17.1	13.6	6.4	10.0	20.0	18.6	9.3	2.1	0.7	2.1
Yancey	18	14	3			1					
Percentage of Total		77.8	16.7			5.6					
District Totals	500	168	92	40	67	60	40	20	5	2	6
Percentage of Total		33.6	18.4	8.0	13.4	12.0	8.0	4.0	1.0	0.4	1.2

25TH DISTRICT

Burke	269	125	44	49	19	22	7	3			
Percentage of Total		46.5	16.4	18.2	7.1	8.2	2.6	1.1			
Caldwell	484	170	84	66	23	34	47	54		6	
Percentage of Total		35.1	17.4	13.6	4.8	7.0	9.7	11.2		1.2	
Catawba	567	315	140	45	52	15					
Percentage of Total		55.6	24.7	7.9	9.2	2.6					
District Totals	1,320	610	268	160	94	71	54	57		6	
Percentage of Total		46.2	20.3	12.1	7.1	5.4	4.1	4.3		0.5	

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26TH DISTRICT

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Mecklenburg	4,292	1,355	675	274	341	512	519	288	185	87	56
Percentage of Total		31.6	15.7	6.4	7.9	11.9	12.1	6.7	4.3	2.0	1.3
District Totals	4,292	1,355	675	274	341	512	519	288	185	87	56
Percentage of Total		31.6	15.7	6.4	7.9	11.9	12.1	6.7	4.3	2.0	1.3

27TH DISTRICT

Cleveland	607	229	116	92	82	65	14	7	2		
Percentage of Total		7.7	19.1	15.2	13.5	10.7	2.3	1.2	0.3		
Gaston	1,090	453	222	111	141	89	42	11		19	2
Percentage of Total		41.6	20.4	10.2	12.9	8.2	3.9	1.0		1.7	0.2
Lincoln	237	115	58	40	16	5	2	1			
Percentage of Total		48.5	24.5	16.9	6.8	2.1	0.8	0.4			
District Totals	1,934	797	396	243	239	159	58	19	2	19	2
Percentage of Total		41.2	20.5	12.6	12.4	8.2	3.0	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.1

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	602	305	133	54	48	24	30	7	1		
Percentage of Total		50.7	22.1	9.0	8.0	4.0	5.0	1.2	0.2		
District Totals	602	305	133	54	48	24	30	7	1		
Percentage of Total		50.7	22.1	9.0	8.0	4.0	5.0	1.2	0.2		

29TH DISTRICT

Henderson	265	102	38	26	38	17	23	17	2	2	
Percentage of Total		38.5	14.3	9.8	14.3	6.4	8.7	6.4	0.8	0.8	
McDowell	112	45	39	5	3	13	4	3			
Percentage of Total		40.2	34.8	4.5	2.7	11.6	3.6	2.7			
Polk	69	23	19	11	6	5	1	3	1		
Percentage of Total		33.3	27.5	15.9	8.7	7.2	1.4	4.3	1.4		
Rutherford	217	107	28	15	31	11	16	5	2	1	1
Percentage of Total		49.3	12.9	6.9	14.3	5.1	7.4	2.3	0.9	0.5	0.5
Transylvania	59	29	14	7	9						
Percentage of Total		49.2	23.7	11.9	15.3						
District Totals	722	306	138	64	87	46	44	28	5	3	1
Percentage of Total		42.4	19.1	8.9	12.0	6.4	6.1	3.9	0.7	0.4	0.1

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	88	60	19	7	2						
Percentage of Total		68.2	21.6	8.0	2.3						
Clay	19	12	4	1		1		1			
Percentage of Total		63.2	21.1	5.3		5.3		5.3			
Graham	26	8	1	8	6	3					
Percentage of Total		30.8	3.8	30.8	23.1	11.5					
Haywood	376	106	50	27	71	95	24	3			
Percentage of Total		28.2	13.3	7.2	18.9	25.3	6.4	0.8			
Jackson	74	39	17	4	5	5	3	1			
Percentage of Total		52.7	23.0	5.4	6.8	6.8	4.1	1.4			
Macon	90	23	12	12	14	5	24				
Percentage of Total		25.6	13.3	13.3	15.6	5.6	26.7				
Swain	104	19	35	16	13	1	14	5	1		
Percentage of Total		18.3	33.7	15.4	12.5	1.0	13.5	4.8	1.0		
District Totals	777	267	138	75	111	110	65	10	1		
Percentage of Total		34.4	17.8	9.7	14.3	14.2	8.4	1.3	0.1		
State Totals	40,859	14,724	7,432	4,255	4,239	3,371	2,726	1,825	755	449	1,083
Percentage of Total		36.0	18.2	10.4	10.4	8.3	6.7	4.5	1.8	1.1	2.7

DISTRICT COURT ACTIVITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE AND SMALL CLAIM CASES*

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed Of By Waiver			Small Claim Cases Disposed Of By Magistrate		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed Of By Waiver	Per Cent Disposed Of By Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed Of By Magistrate	Per Cent Disposed Of By Magistrate
<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>						
Camden	1300	893	68.7	87	82	94.3
Chowan	1550	1064	68.6	289	292	101.0
Currituck	1602	889	55.5	174	134	77.0
Dare	2814	1824	64.8	193	182	94.3
Gates	1111	935	84.1	227	201	88.5
Pasquotank	2473	1712	69.2	1030	1035	100.5
Perquimans	1326	996	75.1	145	135	93.1
TOTAL	12176	8313	68.3	2145	2061	96.1
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>						
Beaufort	5322	3850	72.3	1340	1307	97.5
Hyde	565	371	65.7	88	83	94.3
Martin	3622	2218	61.2	870	774	89.0
Tyrrell	948	709	74.8	77	69	89.6
Washington	1509	1311	86.9	376	329	87.5
TOTAL	11966	8459	70.7	2751	2562	93.1
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>						
Carteret	5509	3219	58.4	969	642	66.3
Craven	7719	5140	66.6	1147	1121	97.7
Pamlico	1384	778	56.2	171	161	94.2
Pitt	12204	8735	71.6	2336	2175	93.1
TOTAL	26816	17872	66.6	4623	4099	88.7
<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>						
Duplin	6882	5950	86.5	1289	1247	96.7
Jones	1515	932	61.5	163	137	84.0
Onslow	12031	3909	32.5	1869	2418	129.3
Sampson	6329	4384	69.3	1683	1487	88.4
TOTAL	26757	15175	56.7	5004	5289	105.7
<i>5TH DISTRICT</i>						
New Hanover	11485	8481	73.8	3022	2777	91.9
Pender	3525	1958	55.5	425	404	95.1
TOTAL	15010	10439	69.5	3447	3181	92.3
<i>6TH DISTRICT</i>						
Bertie	2900	2068	71.3	573	466	81.3
Halifax	5869	3747	63.8	1274	1382	108.4
Hertford	3883	2653	68.3	526	492	93.5
Northampton	3632	2105	58.0	646	743	115.0
TOTAL	16284	10573	64.9	3019	3083	102.1
<i>7TH DISTRICT</i>						
Edgecombe	6350	4727	74.4	2304	2233	96.9
Nash	7208	4903	68.0	1814	1846	101.8
Wilson	5914	4520	76.4	2207	2194	99.4
TOTAL	19472	14150	72.7	6325	6273	99.2

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Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed Of By Waiver

Small Claim Cases Disposed Of By Magistrate

	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed Of By Waiver	Per Cent Disposed Of By Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed Of By Magistrate	Per Cent Disposed Of By Magistrate
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>						
Greene	1916	1320	68.9	235	262	111.5
Lenoir	7339	4553	62.0	2502	2376	95.0
Wayne	8342	5184	62.1	2356	2322	98.6
TOTAL	17597	11057	62.8	5093	4960	97.4
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>						
Franklin	4586	3148	68.6	700	569	81.3
Granville	4587	3315	72.3	1130	1114	98.6
Person	2954	1948	65.9	753	1025	136.1
Vance	3494	2548	72.9	1500	1404	93.6
Warren	1410	1110	78.7	353	310	87.8
TOTAL	17031	12069	70.9	4436	4422	99.7
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>						
Wake	41976	26046	62.0	8351	7198	86.2
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>						
Harnett	6316	3790	60.0	1490	1398	93.8
Johnston	7876	4454	56.6	1818	1759	96.8
Lee	3366	3147	93.5	940	941	100.1
TOTAL	17558	11391	64.9	4248	4098	96.5
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cumberland	27758	17954	64.7	5360	4948	92.3
Hoke	3054	2249	73.6	382	386	101.0
TOTAL	30812	20203	65.6	5742	5334	92.9
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>						
Bladen	6016	3653	60.7	548	535	97.6
Brunswick	2960	2019	68.2	712	706	99.2
Columbus	6216	4724	76.0	1402	1408	100.4
TOTAL	15192	10396	68.4	2662	2649	99.5
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>						
Durham	19487	11043	56.7	8906	7094	79.7
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>						
Alamance	12230	7751	63.4	1980	1926	97.3
Chatham	5077	2992	58.9	762	735	96.5
Orange	7096	5406	76.2	1045	1022	97.8
TOTAL	24403	16149	66.2	3787	3683	97.3
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>						
Robeson	12068	6824	56.5	2496	2256	90.4
Scotland	5765	3834	66.5	743	775	104.3
TOTAL	17833	10658	59.8	3239	3031	93.6

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	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed Of By Waiver			Small Claim Cases Disposed Of By Magistrate		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed Of By Waiver	Per Cent Disposed Of By Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed Of By Magistrate	Per Cent Disposed Of By Magistrate
<i>17TH DISTRICT</i>						
Caswell	2233	1357	60.8	404	365	90.3
Rockingham	8883	5154	58.0	1850	1669	90.2
Stokes	3383	1953	57.7	534	484	90.6
Surry	6496	3468	53.4	2270	2503	110.3
TOTAL	20,995	11,932	56.8	5058	5021	99.3
<i>18TH DISTRICT</i>						
Guilford						
Greensboro	46041	26653	57.9	9074	9281	102.3
High Point	10040	6545	65.2	3660	3670	100.3
TOTAL	56081	33198	59.2	12734	12951	101.7
<i>19TH DISTRICT</i>						
Cabarrus	11663	8630	74.0	1084	1029	94.9
Montgomery	3097	3243	104.7	639	736	115.2
Randolph	10149	7653	75.4	1050	951	90.6
Rowan	11713	7661	65.4	1923	1458	75.8
TOTAL	36622	27187	74.2	4696	4174	88.9
<i>20TH DISTRICT</i>						
Anson	3446	2916	84.6	441	372	84.4
Moore	4550	3319	72.9	796	748	94.0
Richmond	5619	3541	63.0	832	775	93.1
Stanly	4569	2943	64.4	959	947	98.7
Union	5626	3687	65.5	1368	1439	105.2
TOTAL	23810	16406	68.9	4396	4281	97.4
<i>21ST DISTRICT</i>						
Forsyth	32046	23975	74.8	5739	5362	93.4
<i>22ND DISTRICT</i>						
Alexander	1684	1294	76.8	295	281	95.3
Davidson	11190	8126	72.6	1244	1243	99.9
Davie	3638	2708	74.4	191	188	98.4
Iredell	8095	5096	63.0	2007	2190	109.1
TOTAL	24607	17224	70.0	3737	3902	104.4
<i>23RD DISTRICT</i>						
Alleghany	495	291	58.8	103	94	91.3
Ashe	1584	1004	63.4	234	140	59.8
Wilkes	5280	3334	63.1	821	601	73.2
Yadkin	2771	2012	72.6	505	514	101.8
TOTAL	10130	6641	65.6	1663	1349	81.1

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	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed Of By Waiver			Small Claim Cases Disposed Of By Magistrate		
	Motor Vehicle Cases Filed	Motor Vehicle Cases Disposed Of By Waiver	Per Cent Disposed Of By Waiver	Small Claims Filed	Disposed Of By Magistrate	Per Cent Disposed Of By Magistrate
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>						
Avery	1325	1097	82.8	173	158	91.3
Madison	896	587	65.5	70	61	87.1
Mitchell	947	813	85.9	155	123	79.4
Watauga	2992	2126	71.1	296	252	85.1
Yancey	1373	1123	81.8	143	182	127.3
TOTAL	7533	5746	76.3	837	776	92.7
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>						
Burke	7649	4561	59.6	940	885	94.1
Caldwell	5632	3591	63.8	1039	859	82.7
Catawba	8678	5440	62.7	1962	1777	90.6
TOTAL	21959	13592	61.9	3941	3521	89.3
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>						
Mecklenburg	41775	30850	73.8	15823	14144	89.4
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cleveland	8128	5056	62.2	1633	1584	97.0
Gaston	14714	7855	53.4	3090	2299	74.4
Lincoln	3315	1604	48.4	577	504	87.3
TOTAL	26157	14515	55.5	5300	4387	82.8
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>						
Buncombe	15325	7850	51.2	3223	3304	102.5
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>						
Henderson	5601	3262	58.2	588	517	87.9
McDowell	4650	4066	87.4	433	355	82.0
Polk	1689	1329	78.7	101	92	91.1
Rutherford	3838	2565	66.8	860	882	102.6
Transylvania	2230	1616	72.5	381	344	90.3
TOTAL	18008	12838	71.3	2363	2190	92.7
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cherokee	1929	1244	64.5	206	110	53.4
Clay	834	574	68.8	60	59	98.3
Graham	605	486	80.3	93	88	94.6
Haywood	4049	1966	48.6	713	711	99.7
Jackson	2100	1345	64.0	178	209	117.4
Macon	2439	1925	78.9	123	127	103.3
Swain	1481	1026	69.3	185	235	127.0
TOTAL	13437	8566	63.7	1558	1539	98.8
GRAND TOTAL	678,855	444,513	65.5	144,846	135,918	93.8

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Organizational, Administrative, Fiscal And Directory Information

"The General Assembly shall provide for an administrative office of the courts to carry out the provisions of this Article."

N. C. Constitution, Art. IV, Sec. 15

A HISTORICAL NOTE

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature," which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactments were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower-court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Courts of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court of Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime." The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (including the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the individual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 24 solicitorial districts. The 40 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up to a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local statutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th Century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th Century counties.

After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

North Carolina's judicial system is a structure of three tiers known collectively as the General Court of Justice. The three levels correspond to a division of judicial labor within the unified court system to accommodate these essential functions: review of cases (Appellate Division); trial of major cases (Superior Court Division), and trial of the large volume of minor cases (District Court Division).

Appellate Division

Supreme Court. At the apex of this judicial structure is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to review procedural questions and interpretations of the law arising from the lower courts. The court's caseload consists of lower court actions involving the death penalty or life imprisonment, substantial constitutional questions, dissent at the Court of Appeals level, utilities rate-making decisions, or the exercise of the Supreme's Court own discretionary review. Supreme Court justices are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms.

Court of Appeals. The nine-judge intermediate Court of Appeals sits in panels of three in Raleigh and hears the great volume of appeals originating in the State court system. Court of Appeals judges, too, are elected for terms of eight years.

Superior Court Division

At least two sessions of superior court must be held annually in each county of the state. In 1976, there were 48 regular and eight special superior court judges. North Carolina carries the rotation of its trial judges to a greater degree than any other state. A regular superior court judge is required to rotate through the judicial districts within his geographic quarter of the state, holding court for at least six months in each district. Thus, he would hold court for only a half-year every five years or so in the district where he has residence. Regular judges are elected for eight-year terms. Special judges are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and may be assigned to hold court in any county in the state.

The superior court is a trial court of general jurisdiction, and is the "proper" court for civil cases involving more than \$5,000 in controversy. The criminal jurisdiction of the superior court extends to all felonies and some misdemeanors, including misdemeanor charges that are closely connected with felony charges as well as misdemeanor convictions at the district court level which are appealed for a new trial in superior court.

District Court Division

This level of the trial court in North Carolina has limited jurisdiction, extending to misdemeanors, and is the proper court for civil cases involving \$5,000 or less. The major portion of all cases filed in the State's courts is disposed of in the district court division.

District Court Judges. There were 117 district court judges in 1976, elected to four-year terms. District court judges hold court in rotation among the counties in their district. The 30 districts at this level of court correspond to the superior court judicial districts.

For civil cases involving \$5,000 or less, the district court is the proper division for trial, which can include a jury. In criminal matters, the district court's jurisdiction extends to all misdemeanors and to preliminary hearings on felony charges; trial of misdemeanors is without a jury. This court division also has jurisdiction of proceedings against juveniles.

Magistrates. There were more than 500 magistrates in 1976. Magistrates are nominated in each county by the clerk of superior court and appointed by the senior resident superior court judge. Magistrates are officers of the district court, paid by the state, and in many cases work part-time. Their civil jurisdiction includes small claims involving \$500 or less. In criminal matters, the magistrate tries worthless check cases involving \$50 or less, accepts guilty pleas in cases involving no more than a \$50 fine or 30-day jail sentence, issues warrants and conducts first appearance hearings.

Other Key Judicial Officials

District Attorneys. The state is divided into prosecutorial districts that correspond with the judicial districts except in the case of the 27th Judicial District, which is divided into prosecutorial District 27A and 27B. A district attorney is elected to a four-year term for each of the 31 districts. The responsibility of the district attorney and his assistants is to represent the state in criminal and certain juvenile matters. The district attorney is responsible for the calendaring of criminal cases.

Public Defenders. By 1976, the public defender system had been established in five judicial districts (12th, 18th, 26th, 27th, and 28th) for the representation of indigent defendants in criminal matters. The assigned private counsel system is used in the other judicial districts. The public defender for the 28th district is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations by the district bar. For the other districts, the appointment is by the governor from recommendations of the district bar. Their terms are four years.

Clerks of Superior Court. The clerk of superior court maintains a system of records for both the district and superior courts. Thus, there is one trial court clerk in each county, elected for a four-year term. The clerk is also judge of probate and special proceedings. He is authorized to issue warrants and accept trial waivers in traffic cases.

Juvenile Court Counselors. There are from four to 22 juvenile court counselors in each judicial district of the state. As part of their "intake" responsibilities, the counselors screen complaints regarding children to determine whether petitions should be filed in juvenile court or some other means should be used to solve the problem. The counselors also exercise probation responsibility for juveniles assigned to counseling within the community, and they provide aftercare supervision for children conditionally released from training schools.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY IN 1976

Superior Court Judges

Three training sessions for Superior Court judges were conducted in 1976: (1) Spring Continuing Education Seminar, April 16-18 in Winston-Salem, attended by 37 judges; (2) Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges, June 20-23 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, attended by 45 judges; and (3) Fall Continuing Education Seminar, held October 22-24 in Asheville, attended by 42 judges.

District Court Judges

Four training sessions: (1) Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of District Court Judges, June 20-23 in Wrightsville Beach, attended by 70 judges; (2) Two sessions for new judges, November 19-20 and December 10-11, Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, attended by 25 new judges; and (3) District Court Judges' Fall Education Seminar, December 17-18, Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, attended by 85 judges.

District Attorneys

Two training sessions: (1) District Attorneys' Summer Conference, June 21-22, Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, attended by 19 district attorneys, 28 assistant district attorneys and one administrative assistant; and (2) Annual Conference of the North Carolina District Attorneys Association, September 22-25 in Atlantic Beach, attended by 24 district attorneys and 65 assistant district attorneys.

Clerks of Superior Court

Fourteen training sessions: (1) Annual Conference of the Association of Clerks of Superior Court of North Carolina, July 28-31 in Boone, attended by 71 clerks; (2) Twelve training sessions for the Revised Data Reporting System in September at Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Elizabeth City, Williamston, Jacksonville, Greensboro, Wilkesboro, Waynesville, Asheville, Hickory, Albemarle and Fayetteville, with a total of 70 clerks and 220 assistant and deputy clerks attending one session each; and (3) Annual Conference of the Association of Assistant and Deputy Clerks of the Superior Court of North Carolina, July 21-23 in Wilmington, attended by 215 assistant and deputy clerks.

Magistrates

Six training sessions: (1) Basic Training School for Newly Appointed Magistrates, February 16-20, Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, attended by 19 new magistrates; (2) Basic Training School for Newly Appointed Magistrates, March 8-12, Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, attended by 16 new magistrates; (3) Basic Training School for Newly Appointed Magistrates, April 5-9 in Asheville, attended by 25 new magistrates; (4) Spring Meeting of the North Carolina Magistrates Association, May 10-12 in Wrightsville Beach, attended by 52 magistrates; (5) Basic Training School for Newly Appointed Magistrates, August 2-6, Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, attended by 20 new magistrates; and (6) Fall Meeting of the North Carolina Magistrates Association, October 11-13 in Burlington, attended by 40 magistrates.

Juvenile Court Counselors

Nineteen training sessions: (1) Three regional Intake Counselors Training Sessions, held in January at Greensboro, Raleigh and Greenville, and attended by a total of 34 counselors; (2) Court Counselor Trainee Orientation Session, March 1-2 in Raleigh, attended by 31 counselor trainees; (3) Chief Court Counselors' Planning and Information System Training Session, June 16-18 in Raleigh, attended by 28 chief court counselors; (4) Managerial Training for Chief Court Counselors, August 30-September 1 in Raleigh, attended by 30 chief court counselors and 5 supervisory court counselors; (5) Court Counselor Trainee Orientation Sessions, September 8-9 in Rocky Mount, attended by 15 counselor trainees; (6) Four regional Family Therapy Training Sessions for Court Counselors and Trainees, held in September at Greenville, Statesville, Asheville and Durham, and attended by 154 counselors and 15 trainees; (7) Two sessions of Intake Counselor Training, in September at Raleigh, attended by a total of 42 intake counselors; (8) Intake Counselor Training, November 8-10 in Durham, attended by 40 intake counselors; and (9) Four regional sessions for Counselors and Trainees, held in November and December at Salisbury, Apex, Kinston and

Boone, and attended by 158 counselors and 20 trainees. In addition, tuition and registration fees were paid for 49 juvenile services personnel to attend college courses, educational workshops and educational conferences.

Out of State Education

Thirty-eight persons from all parts of the judicial system participated in courses of professionally related study outside North Carolina in 1976.

THE NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL COUNCIL IN 1976

The Judicial Council was established by statute in 1949. Its work centers on making recommendations to the General Assembly or the courts on changing the law or the structure and operation of the administration of justice in North Carolina. It is charged with making a continuing evaluation of the court system and receiving suggestions or criticism about the administration of justice. In recent years, the studies and recommendations of the Judicial Council have been confined principally to specific changes in criminal law and procedure, especially as suggested or required by court decisions. A few civil matters have also been considered.

Representatives from all levels of court, prosecuting and defense attorneys, and the General Assembly make up the Council, which met four times in 1976. Eight proposed bills were recommended during this year. These proposals would have the effect of:

- (1) Setting up sentencing procedures in capital cases, including the imposition of the death penalty, which would meet the requirements set out by the U.S. Supreme Court, although the Council made no recommendation on the actual question of retaining or abolishing the death penalty.
- (2) Prohibiting picketing and demonstrations near courthouses.
- (3) Expanding the authority of a trial judge to move a civil case, like a criminal case, to another county in the same judicial district or another county in an adjacent district, to ensure a fair trial.
- (4) Providing that indigent parties in a proceeding for the termination of parental rights may, in the court's discretion, secure court-appointed and state-paid counsel.
- (5) Allowing the superior court judge to dismiss frivolous petitions calling for the removal of district attorneys.
- (6) Removing the authority of a judge to order a confiscated weapon turned over to a law enforcement agency for its own use.
- (7) Repealing the habitual offender article of the motor vehicle law.
- (8) Limiting dissemination of reports filed by medical experts on a defendant's capacity to proceed to trial.

THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION IN 1976

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November, 1972. The membership consists of a Court of Appeals judge, a superior court judge, and a district court judge, each appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; two members of the State Bar, elected by the State Bar Council; and two citizens who are not judges nor members of the State Bar, appointed by the Governor. The Court of Appeals judge serves as chairman of the Commission.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any justice or judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any justice or judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

During 1976, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates. All meetings of the Commission were held in Raleigh.

February 5-6, 1976

April 2, 1976

June 3, 1976

July 29, 1976

August 27, 1976

November 12, 1976

December 16-17, 1976

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or by action of the Commission on its own motion, is denominated by the Commission as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." There were 61 "Inquiries Concerning a Judge" during 1976 including three inquiries carried over from 1975.

Forty one of these inquiries were determined by the Judicial Standards Commission to involve subject matter not within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Seven inquiries were determined by the Commission to involve subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission, but which did not warrant investigation.

Thirteen inquiries were determined by the Commission to require preliminary investigation. In five inquiries the investigation was completed and the Commission determined that no further action was justified. Investigation was completed in one inquiry but the subject judge accepted a reprimand from the Commission in lieu of a formal hearing on the charges. There were two inquiries in which the investigation was completed and a formal hearing was conducted, and a recommendation of censure was filed with the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Investigation was completed in five inquiries, which await final determination by the Commission.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS IN 1976

Statutory Responsibilities of the Office

The statute establishing the Administrative Office of the Courts sets out ten major duties for the director, who is appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. They are the following:

—Determine the state of the dockets and evaluate the practices and procedures of the courts, and make recommendations concerning the number of judges, district attorneys, and magistrates required for the efficient administration of justice.

—Prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, systems, forms and records to be used in the offices of the clerks of superior court.

—Prepare and submit budget estimates of state appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Judicial Department, and authorize expenditures from funds appropriated for these purposes.

—Investigate, make recommendations concerning, and assist in the securing of adequate physical accommodations for the General Court of Justice.

—Procure, distribute, exchange, transfer, and assign such equipment, books, forms and supplies as are to be acquired with state funds for the General Court of Justice.

—Make recommendations for the improvement of the operations of the Judicial Department.

—Assist the Chief Justice in performing duties relating to the transfer of district court judges for temporary or specialized duty.

—Collect and compile statistical data and other information on the judicial and financial operation of the courts and on the operation of other offices directly related to and serving the courts.

—Prepare and submit an annual report on the work of the Judicial Department to the Chief Justice, and transmit a copy to each member of the General Assembly.

—Perform such additional duties and exercise such additional powers as may be prescribed by statute or assigned by the Chief Justice.

The director is given, by statute, responsibility for the supervision of publicly funded legal defense programs for indigent criminal defendants, and supervision of the juvenile services programs (juvenile probation and aftercare) funded by the State. The assistant director, as administrative assistant to the Chief Justice, aids the Chief Justice in the assignment of superior court judges, preparation of calendars for superior court trial sessions, and on such other duties as are assigned by the Chief Justice.

Reorganization of the AOC Staff

In January of 1976 the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts consolidated responsibility for the principal functions of the office into five staff divisions. Supervision of each of the five newly consolidated divisions of the Office was vested in a staff officer, who reports to the director.

As reorganized, the divisions of the Administrative Office of the Courts consist of the following:

(1) Fiscal Management Division, with the controller assuming responsibility for purchasing, including the warehousing and printing operations, in addition to the fiscal duties.

(2) Juvenile Services Division, whose responsibility for the administration of juvenile counseling services throughout the state was not changed.

(3) Office of Counsel, with the additional responsibility of supervising services to the clerks of superior court.

(4) Personnel Division, whose responsibilities were unchanged.

(5) Research and Planning Division, which was assigned responsibility for information systems development, Judicial Department education coordination, and federal grants (LEAA) administration in addition to the previous planning function.

Fiscal Management Division The management and supervision of fiscal affairs for the Judicial Department is the responsibility of this division. The fiscal function extends to budgeting, disbursing including payrolls, receiving funds, reporting, accounting, auditing, purchasing, printing, warehousing and supply.

One of the major tasks is to prepare the budget requests and to administer the expenditures and provide accountability for the State appropriations which were approximately 43 million dollars in 1975-76. During the period of February 26 through June 30, 1976, the Governor implemented "spending limitations" for all State departments and agencies due to a decline in general fund revenue. The Department met its stated reduction in expenditures by developing adjustments in certain areas and focusing its attention on priorities.

In response to statutory requirements and authority, this division establishes the procedures and regulations for the collection, deposit, accountability and reporting of all funds belonging to the State of North Carolina that come into the Judicial Department. Revenue in excess of 16 million dollars was deposited in the general fund for 1975-76. In addition it prescribes the policies, rules and regulations for the collection, deposit, accountability and disbursement of all other funds that come into the court system. It supervises, assists and monitors the operations. A uniform accounting system is provided in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court in each of the 100 counties of the State. The Clerks administer these funds within the prescribed policies and regulations.

This division is responsible for the printing of all forms utilized in the court system and the distribution thereof throughout the State. Within its approval authority it procures equipment and supplies for all personnel and provides for all other necessary operational items and services. An inventory of supplies and forms are warehoused to meet the needs on a timely and efficient basis.

Juvenile Services Division. This division administers the statewide juvenile court counselor program for children alleged, and those adjudicated, to be delinquent or undisciplined. Services include intake (pre-hearing studies of children alleged to be delinquent or undisciplined), probation (supervision within the community for adjudicated children who have not been committed to training school), and aftercare (supervision within the community for children conditionally released from the training schools). Among the major accomplishments of the Juvenile Services Division in 1976 was the establishment of uniform personnel evaluation procedures, a statewide training program for all division personnel, and extension of the intake program to all judicial districts in the state.

Office of Counsel. In addition to providing legal advisory service to administrative personnel in the Judicial Department, a principal duty of this division is to aid in translating new legislation into appropriate record-keeping procedures and printed forms for the clerks of superior court and for other Judicial Department officials. The administrator for clerks' services and his field staff are in this division. They monitor record-keeping procedures in the clerks' offices located in the 100 counties, develop recommendations for improved clerk office management, and provide special assistance where that is required from time to time. The administrator for clerks' services also reviews issues of staffing adequacy in the clerks' offices and provides recommendations to the Personnel Division. A major accomplishment in 1976 was the implementation of new procedures for the clerks' offices for keeping records pertaining to child support cases.

Personnel Division. This division provides the personnel administration and analysis of staffing requirements for the Judicial Department, which has approximately 3,000 employees across the state. In 1976, studies of the offices of the Supreme Court Clerk, the Court of Appeals Clerk and 22 clerks of superior court were made, to assure that all personnel positions were properly classified. In addition, some preliminary staff work was done to proceed with similar studies of the clerk offices in 34 additional counties, which are to be conducted during the coming year.

Research and Planning Division. This division is organized around four major functions: judicial planning, information systems development, coordination of judicial department education activity, and LEAA grants administration. In the *planning section*, a series of reports was produced showing the ratios of superior and district court judges, district attorney staffs, clerk of superior court staffs, and magistrates to population and caseload in all of the counties and judicial districts. A statewide study of county courthouses was designed and implementation of the study project got underway under contract with the School of Design, North Carolina State University. An analysis and report on present and future facilities needs in Raleigh for the Appellate Division was completed. In the *information systems section*, a revised case data reporting system was designed and implemented,

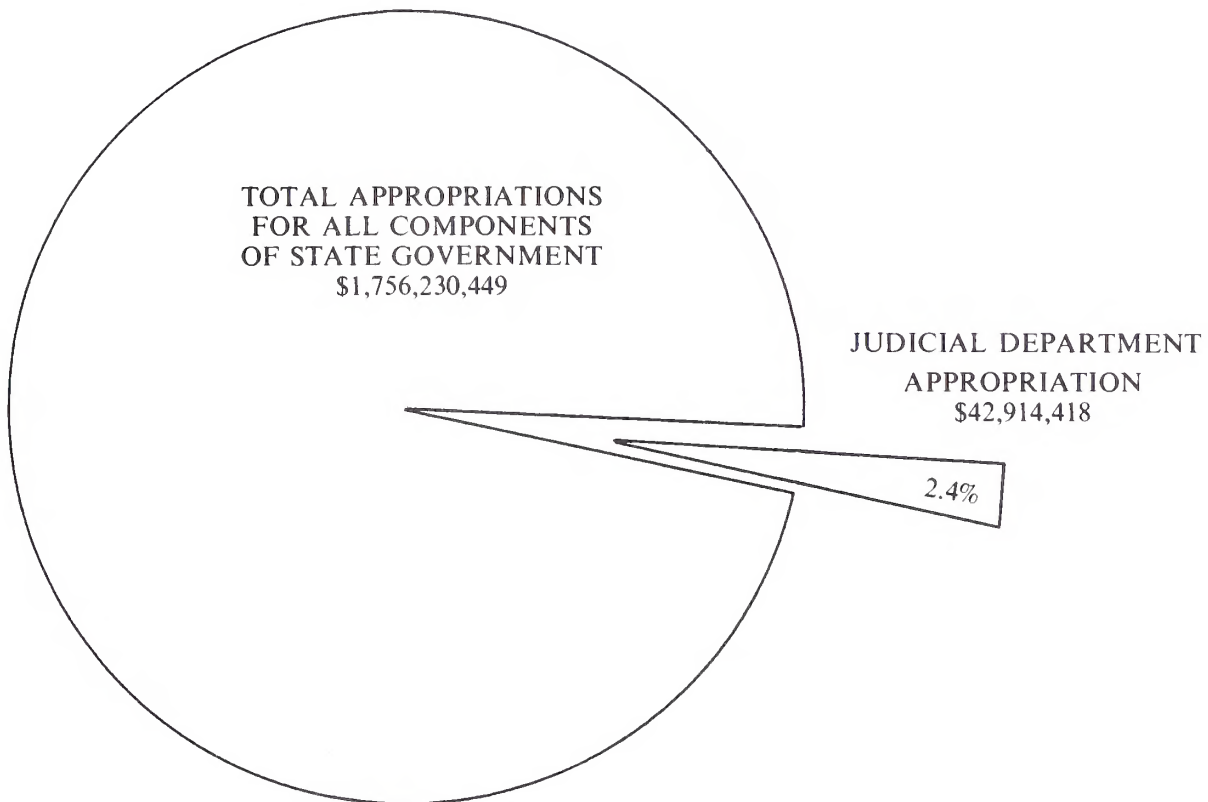
to improve the quality, timeliness and detail of case statistical information at the trial court levels. Significant among the benefits of this revised system, under which the clerks report the case number and date of each case filed and disposed of, is information on the ages of pending cases. A new juvenile services data reporting system on intake and aftercare services was also developed in 1976. In other significant activity, the Administrative Office of the Courts joined with other State criminal justice agencies in a contract funded under the LEAA program, to obtain consultant assistance in the design of a statewide automated criminal justice information system. As part of its responsibility for *judicial department education* activity in 1976, the Research and Planning Division completed a report reviewing past education and training activities conducted for court-related personnel and including recommendations for an ongoing program of educational activity for Judicial Department personnel. The LEAA *grants management section* completed applications for 21 projects to be funded under the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration program. Of these, 18 project applications were approved, for a total of \$1,703,982 in grants. Among projects thus funded during the year were the county courthouse facilities study, continuation of planning and design of a court information system, and continuance of the juvenile intake program.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND

(For Fiscal Year, July 1, 1975-June 30, 1976)

Appropriations from the State's General Fund for *operating expenses* for all departments and agencies of state government, including the Judicial Department, totalled \$1,756,230,449 for the 1975-76 fiscal year. (Appropriations from the Highway Fund and appropriations from the General Fund for capital improvements are not included in this total.)

The appropriation from the General Fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department for fiscal year 1975-76 was \$42,914,418, or 2.4% of the total General Fund appropriations for operating expenses of all state departments and agencies.

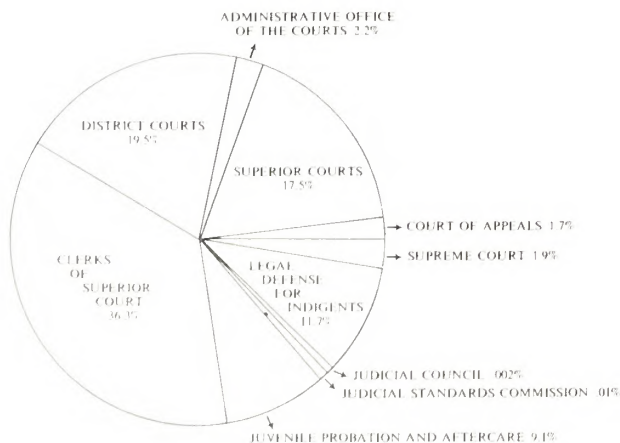


JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

(For Fiscal Year July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976)

Total expenditures for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1975-76 fiscal year were \$41,025,903. These expenditures were divided among the major budget classifications as follows:

	Amount	Percentage of Total
Supreme Court	\$ 793,523	1.9%
Court of Appeals	722,542	1.7%
Superior Courts (This classification includes district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, court reporters as well as judicial personnel.)	7,142,838	17.5%
District Courts (This classification includes magistrates and district court reporters as well as judicial personnel.)	7,997,648	19.5%
Clerks of Superior Court (This classification includes all 100 clerks and their staffs juror fees, witness fees, and support services such as supplies postage, telephone expense, office equipment for all local Judicial Department personnel.)	14,884,838	36.3%
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	3,737,468	9.1%
Indigent Legal Defense:		
Counsel Fees	3,786,773	9.2%
Public Defenders	741,464	1.8%
Special Counsel in mental hospitals	99,661	.2%
Support services (transcripts, records, briefs)	216,846	.5%
Total Indigent Legal Defense	4,844,745	11.7%
Administrative Office of the Courts	896,925	2.2%
Judicial Standards Commission	4,627	.01%
Judicial Council	745	.002%



EXPENDITURES FOR REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS

(For Fiscal Year, July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976)

The State furnishes legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as provided in G.S. 7A-450 *et. seq.* These include indigent defendants in criminal proceedings, indigents in judicial hospitalization proceedings, juveniles in proceedings that may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial on a felony, and certain other proceedings involving the mentally ill or mentally retarded. Representation of indigents may be by assignment of private counsel or by assignment of public counsel or a public defender.

Five of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender to represent indigents in criminal cases. These are the 12th, 18th, 26th, 27th, and 28th districts. The other 25 districts utilize only assignment of private counsel.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation dropped from \$5,029,018.62 in the 1974-75 fiscal year, to \$4,844,745.89 in the 1975-76 fiscal year, a decrease of 3.7%. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 11.8% of total Judicial Department expenditures in 1975-76. These costs are summarized below:

Assigned counsel in criminal cases	\$3,351,550.09	
Assigned counsel in commitment cases	293,855.79	
Assigned counsel in juvenile cases	<u>141,367.15</u>	
Total		\$3,786,773.03
Special counsel, mental hospitals		99,661.78
Public Defender's Office		
12th Judicial District	\$152,897.20	
18th Judicial District	220,754.59	
26th Judicial District	155,574.71	
27th Judicial District	101,902.26	
28th Judicial District	<u>110,336.15</u>	
Total		\$741,464.91
Transcripts, records and briefs		215,471.17
Expert witness fees		<u>1,375.00</u>
Grand Total		\$4,844,745.89

Payments for assigned counsel in criminal cases accounted for 88.5% of total expenditures for assigned counsel, commitment case payments accounted for 3.7%, and juvenile case payments for 7.8%

Assignment of private counsel is also utilized in those districts which have an office of public defender. The total cost of providing counsel to indigents in criminal cases in those districts is summarized as follows:

	<u>12th District</u>	<u>18th District</u>	<u>26th District</u>	<u>27th District</u>	<u>28th District</u>
Public Defender	\$152,897	\$220,755	\$155,575	\$101,902	\$110,336
Assigned Counsel	<u>64,948</u>	<u>37,365</u>	<u>280,774</u>	<u>98,186</u>	<u>11,784</u>
TOTAL	\$217,845	\$258,120	\$436,349	\$200,088	\$122,120

When private counsel or the public defender is assigned to represent an indigent in a criminal case, the trial court sets the money value of services rendered and enters judgment against the defendant for such amount. Receipts from payments on these judgments rose from \$154,614.60 in 1974-75 to \$183,805.02 in 1975-76.

The following table compares the number of assigned counsel cases and expenditures in each county for 1974-75 and 1975-76. The total number of cases dropped from 32,423 in 1974-75 to 30,234 in 1975-76, a decrease of 6.7%; and total expenditures dropped from \$4,281,625 in 1974-75 to \$3,786,773 in 1975-76, a decrease of 11.6%.

ASSIGNED COUNSEL — CRIMINAL CASES

	Number of Cases		Percent	Expenditures		Percent
<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>	1974-75	1975-76	Increase (decrease)	1974-75	1975-76	Increase (decrease)
Camden	7	17	142.8	514	1,624	215.9
Chowan	90	88	(2.2)	13,532	11,964	(11.6)
Currituck	73	55	(24.6)	8,874	7,799	(12.1)
Dare	46	86	86.9	7,979	13,913	74.4
Gates	25	26	4.0	3,222	3,293	2.2
Pasquotank	185	172	(7.0)	20,184	23,271	15.3
Perquimans	45	48	6.7	6,920	8,630	24.7
TOTAL	471	492	4.4	61,225	70,494	15.1
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>						
Beaufort	169	229	35.5	30,485	31,088	2.0
Hyde	17	16	(5.9)	2,050	1,382	(32.6)
Martin	162	166	2.5	22,090	24,958	13.0
Tyrrell	16	18	12.5	1,236	1,680	35.9
Washington	66	68	3.0	6,713	8,464	26.1
TOTAL	430	497	15.6	62,574	67,572	8.0
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>						
Carteret	311	343	7.1	42,636	35,365	(17.0)
Craven	408	437	7.1	50,610	54,325	7.3
Pamlico	40	40	0	5,178	3,882	(25.0)
Pitt	873	814	(6.7)	116,864	102,910	(11.9)
TOTAL	1,632	1634	.12	215,288	196,482	(8.7)
<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>						
Duplin	390	299	(23.3)	38,825	32,250	(16.9)
Jones	111	76	(31.5)	12,050	8,544	(29.1)
Onslow	851	763	(10.3)	115,159	97,990	(14.9)
Sampson	307	260	(15.3)	30,471	25,158	(17.4)
TOTAL	1,659	1,318	(15.7)	196,505	163,942	(16.6)
<i>5TH DISTRICT</i>						
New Hanover	575	599	4.2	118,861	109,416	(7.9)
Pender	109	103	(5.5)	13,365	18,390	37.6
TOTAL	684	702	18.0	132,226	127,806	(3.3)
<i>6TH DISTRICT</i>						
Bertie	128	156	21.9	12,114	13,550	11.8
Halifax	316	343	8.5	37,261	32,656	(12.3)
Hertford	137	188	37.2	17,075	18,760	9.9
Northampton	72	102	41.7	7,982	9,319	16.7
TOTAL	653	789	20.8	74,632	74,285	(.46)
<i>7TH DISTRICT</i>						
Edgecombe	390	495	26.9	47,188	53,417	13.2
Nash	362	408	12.7	58,472	49,286	(15.7)
Wilson	381	395	3.7	50,619	56,217	11.1
TOTAL	1,133	1,298	14.6	156,279	158,920	1.7

ASSIGNED COUNSEL — CRIMINAL CASES

	Number of Cases		Percent Increase (decrease)	Expenditures		Percent Increase (decrease)
	1974-75	1975-76		1974-75	1975-76	
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>						
Greene	53	62	17.0	9,569	14,671	53.3
Lenoir	305	332	9.2	44,776	42,773	(4.5)
Wayne	443	422	(4.7)	90,342	72,860	(19.3)
TOTAL	801	816	1.9	144,687	130,304	(9.9)
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>						
Franklin	183	175	(4.4)	27,682	26,313	(4.9)
Granville	250	197	(21.2)	24,219	18,782	(22.4)
Person	111	160	44.1	15,570	21,792	40.0
Vance	285	329	15.4	31,417	36,810	17.2
Warren	97	121	24.7	14,232	15,372	8.0
TOTAL	926	982	6.0	113,120	119,069	5.2
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>						
Wake	2,243	2,097	(6.5)	296,187	265,245	(10.4)
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>						
Harnett	268	183	(31.7)	32,320	20,976	(35.1)
Johnston	239	456	92.0	30,081	43,658	45.1
Lee	162	157	(3.1)	23,381	16,703	(28.6)
TOTAL	669	796	19.0	85,782	81,337	(5.2)
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cumberland	266	286	7.5	78,870	59,818	(24.1)
Hoke	17	13	(23.5)	6,390	5,130	(19.7)
TOTAL	283	299	5.6	85,260	64,948	(23.8)
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>						
Bladen	198	153	(22.7)	26,250	20,195	(23.1)
Brunswick	184	181	(1.6)	20,559	25,088	22.0
Columbus	312	271	(13.1)	34,152	34,475	.94
TOTAL	694	605	(12.8)	80,961	79,758	(1.5)
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>						
Durham	1,557	1,689	8.5	25,731	206,782	(4.1)
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>						
Alamance	545	539	(1.1)	82,067	83,494	1.7
Chatham	104	98	(5.8)	14,780	14,629	(1.0)
Orange	411	429	4.4	56,689	55,991	(1.2)
TOTAL	1,060	1,066	(.57)	153,491	154,114	.41
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>						
Robeson	404	531	31.4	76,748	79,508	3.6
Scotland	130	207	59.2	17,707	28,607	61.6
TOTAL	534	738	38.2	94,455	108,155	14.5

ASSIGNED COUNSEL — CRIMINAL CASES

	Number of Cases		Percent Increase (decrease)	Expenditures		Percent Increase (decrease)
	1974-75	1975-76		1974-75	1975-76	
<u>17TH DISTRICT</u>						
Caswell	112	148	32.1	15,044	16,319	8.5
Rockingham	635	563	(11.3)	93,302	69,036	(26.0)
Stokes	112	90	(19.6)	13,421	8,273	(38.3)
Surry	379	476	25.6	51,776	57,193	10.5
TOTAL	1,238	1,277	3.1	173,543	150,821	13.1
<u>18TH DISTRICT</u>						
Guilford	216	158	(26.8)	54,295	37,365	(31.2)
<u>19TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cabarrus	693	625	(9.8)	67,169	64,395	(4.1)
Montgomery	319	234	(26.6)	29,632	29,642	.03
Randolph	339	333	(1.8)	34,959	31,474	(10.0)
Rowan	640	702	9.7	67,216	62,814	(6.5)
TOTAL	1,991	1,894	(4.9)	198,976	188,325	(5.4)
<u>20TH DISTRICT</u>						
Anson	234	203	(13.2)	23,202	20,313	(12.4)
Moore	232	260	12.1	26,742	26,065	(2.5)
Richmond	308	316	2.6	38,205	34,919	(8.6)
Stanly	268	300	11.9	29,109	29,281	.60
Union	372	346	(7.0)	53,315	38,196	(28.3)
TOTAL	1,414	1,425	.78	170,573	148,774	(12.8)
<u>21ST DISTRICT</u>						
Forsyth	1,502	1,584	5.4	208,291	200,753	(3.6)
<u>22ND DISTRICT</u>						
Alexander	180	153	(15.0)	23,534	14,369	(35.9)
Davidson	528	466	(11.7)	66,724	51,601	(22.7)
Davie	105	110	4.8	10,389	10,301	(.85)
Iredell	480	492	2.5	56,469	52,648	(6.8)
TOTAL	1,293	1,221	(5.6)	157,116	128,919	(17.9)
<u>23RD DISTRICT</u>						
Alleghany	54	41	(24.1)	8,797	2,465	(72.0)
Ashe	120	72	(40.0)	12,642	7,057	(44.2)
Wilkes	276	306	10.9	32,406	32,184	(.68)
Yadkin	86	88	2.3	9,835	7,279	(26.0)
TOTAL	536	507	(5.4)	63,680	48,985	(23.1)
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>						
Avery	119	115	(3.4)	12,100	15,044	24.3
Madison	75	69	(8.0)	7,266	12,065	66.0
Mitchell	47	45	(4.2)	4,146	3,484	(16.0)
Watauga	157	147	(6.4)	20,150	17,440	(13.4)
Yancey	63	53	(15.9)	6,430	3,599	(44.0)
TOTAL	461	1429	(6.9)	50,092	51,632	3.1

ASSIGNED COUNSEL — CRIMINAL CASES

	Number of Cases		Percent	Expenditures		Percent
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>	1974-75	1975-76	Increase (decrease)	1974-75	1975-76	Increase (decrease)
Burke	695	441	(36.5)	84,733	64,809	(23.5)
Caldwell	546	374	(31.5)	72,703	55,030	(24.3)
Catawba	753	562	(25.4)	93,532	74,791	(20.0)
TOTAL	1,994	1,377	(30.9)	250,968	194,630	(22.4)
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>						
Mecklenburg	3,226	2,023	(37.3)	363,870	280,774	(22.8)
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cleveland	282	132	(53.2)	38,080	19,704	(48.2)
Gaston	944	420	(55.5)	146,083	59,265	(59.4)
Lincoln	197	66	(66.5)	35,529	19,217	(45.9)
TOTAL	1,423	618	(56.6)	219,692	98,186	(55.3)
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>						
Buncombe	82	75	(8.5)	15,394	11,784	(23.4)
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>						
Henderson	313	304	(2.9)	36,301	24,849	(31.5)
McDowell	248	292	17.7	26,195	28,221	7.7
Polk	45	70	55.6	4,708	5,717	21.4
Rutherford	301	324	7.6	40,239	31,008	(22.9)
Transylvania	95	122	28.4	13,505	8,908	(34.0)
TOTAL	1,002	1,112	11.0	120,948	98,703	(18.4)
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cherokee	97	104	7.2	10,973	14,707	34.0
Clay	24	27	12.5	2,435	3,497	43.6
Graham	56	37	(33.9)	8,497	4,287	(49.5)
Haywood	252	277	9.9	22,742	30,407	33.7
Jackson	91	76	(16.5)	9,405	15,308	62.8
Macon	59	59	0	9,046	4,458	(50.7)
Swain	37	56	51.3	2,831	5,266	86.0
TOTAL	616	636	3.2	65,929	77,930	18.2
GRAND TOTAL	32,423	30,234	(6.7)	4,281,625	3,786,773	(11.6)

SPECIAL COUNSEL REPRESENTATION OF THE INDIGENT MENTALLY ILL AND INEBRIATE

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

	<u>Number of 90-Day Hearings</u>		<u>Number of 180-Day Recommitment Hearings</u>		<u>Number of 1-Year Recommitment Hearings</u>	
Hospital	Com- mitted	Dis- charged	Recom- mitted	Dis- charged	Recom- mitted	Dis- charged
Broughton	395	744	199	87	426	80
Cherry	959	326	195	14	451	3
Dorothea Dix	455	536	153	130	532	15
John Umstead	151	199	108	16	236	3
TOTAL	1,960	1,805	655	247	1,645	101
Total Number of Commitment and Recommitment Hearings:						
90-Day Hearings			3,765			
180-Day Recommitment Hearings			902			
1-Year Recommitment Hearings			1,746			
Grand Total			6,413			
Total Number of Hearings Resulting in						
Order of Commitment or Recommitment			4,260			
Total Number of Hearings Resulting in						
Order of Discharge			2,153			
TOTAL			6,413			

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS

(For Fiscal Year, July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976)

During the 1975-76 fiscal year the Judicial Department had receipts from court operations totaling \$39,267,105.89. The categories of receipts and the government unit to which the funds were distributed are shown below.

Superior and District Court Fees (<i>State</i>)	\$16,143,014.16	
Supreme Court Fees (<i>State</i>)	13,412.90	
Court of Appeals Fees (<i>State</i>)	16,707.80	
Sale of appellate reports (<i>State</i>)	86,124.42	
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund (<i>State</i>)	<u>2,284,346.00</u>	
Total State Receipts		\$18,543,605.28
Facilities Fees (<i>Counties</i>)	\$ 3,250,204.00	
Officer Fees (<i>Counties</i>)	1,326,721.58	
Jail Fees (<i>Counties</i>)	441,516.03	
Fines and Forfeitures (<i>Counties</i>)	<u>14,917,907.14</u>	
Total County Receipts		\$19,936,348.75
Facilities Fees (<i>Municipalities</i>)	173,137.00	
Officer Fees (<i>Municipalities</i>)	579,980.36	
Jail Fees (<i>Municipalities</i>)	<u>34,034.50</u>	
Total Municipal Receipts		\$787,151.86
Grand Total All Receipts		\$ 39,267,105.89

Of the total of all Judicial Department receipts, 50.7% was distributed to the counties, 41.4% to the State General Fund, 5.8% to the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund, and 2.1% to municipalities. The following table shows the amount of fees distributed to each county and to municipalities within each county.

**AMOUNTS OF FEES, FINES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED
TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES
FISCAL YEAR 1975-76**

County	Facility Fees County	Officer Fees County	Jail Fees County	Fines and Forfeitures County	Facility Fees Municipality	Officer Fees Municipality	Jail Fees Municipality	Total
Alamance	\$ 55,432.00	\$ 21,575.00	\$ 4,339.00	\$ 207,076.26	\$ -0-	\$ 12,108.00	\$ -0-	\$ 300,530.26
Alexander	8,644.00	4,502.00	2,319.00	40,133.70	-0-	138.00	-0-	55,736.70
Alleghany	3,371.00	1,180.00	783.00	11,049.00	-0-	62.00	-0-	16,445.00
Anson	16,924.00	8,648.00	1,929.00	67,548.70	-0-	1,142.00	-0-	96,191.70
Ashe	8,060.00	5,474.00	1,687.00	36,485.70	-0-	74.00	-0-	51,780.70
Avery	8,426.00	7,570.62	2,127.00	45,181.00	-0-	140.00	-0-	63,444.62
Beaufort	27,550.00	16,720.00	3,082.00	130,904.50	-0-	3,367.00	-0-	181,623.50
Bertie	13,204.00	9,833.00	2,413.00	65,185.00	-0-	332.00	37.00	91,004.00
Bladen	22,279.00	14,847.21	4,807.00	101,105.50	2,172.00	1,176.00	-0-	146,386.71
Brunswick	15,285.00	7,403.00	2,834.94	96,056.20	2,887.00	890.00	-0-	125,356.14
Buncombe	85,298.00	43,334.50	18,687.50	344,723.54	-0-	15,756.00	-0-	507,799.54
Burke	34,708.00	14,746.00	2,212.00	166,534.12	-0-	3,020.00	28.00	221,248.12
Cabarrus	51,647.00	30,430.43	6,934.00	171,488.17	-0-	3,149.00	-0-	263,648.60
Caldwell	32,335.00	11,857.00	5,376.00	142,462.01	-0-	4,391.00	56.00	196,477.01
Camden	4,988.00	2,610.00	380.00	32,738.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	40,716.00
Carteret	25,142.00	11,470.00	2,722.00	184,043.25	-0-	3,112.00	-0-	226,489.25
Caswell	9,717.0	6,814.00	1,322.00	33,436.78	-0-	-0-	-0-	51,289.78
Catawba	28,968.70	15,936.00	5,923.00	239,620.82	25,075.00	10,196.00	4,570.00	330,289.52
Chatham	16,089.00	13,182.00	2,061.00	97,083.05	5,893.00	1,420.00	556.00	136,284.05
Cherokee	9,296.00	4,467.00	3,858.00	73,129.74	-0-	678.00	140.00	91,568.74
Chowan	8,685.00	3,530.00	1,078.00	43,966.00	-0-	1,780.00	-0-	59,039.00
Clay	3,924.00	2,587.00	751.00	29,674.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	36,936.00
Cleveland	39,774.50	14,607.00	11,341.00	187,013.68	-0-	6,815.00	611.00	260,162.18
Columbus	31,496.00	22,713.00	7,909.00	173,147.59	3,217.00	3,306.00	706.00	242,494.59
Craven	43,169.00	14,991.00	7,355.00	214,619.41	-0-	7,525.00	-0-	287,659.41
Cumberland	126,305.45	46,587.14	23,481.00	937,744.33	-0-	20,135.00	-0-	1,154,252.92
Currituck	8,040.00	4,884.00	410.00	53,842.70	-0-	-0-	-0-	67,176.70
Dare	11,815.00	4,906.00	1,265.00	82,405.00	-0-	1,908.00	-0-	102,299.00
Davidson	40,678.19	21,962.67	6,466.25	227,589.07	8,939.00	3,839.00	-0-	309,474.18
Davie	14,344.00	7,571.00	2,271.00	75,473.50	-0-	914.00	-0-	100,573.50
Duplin	29,633.00	13,380.00	1,637.00	144,820.02	-0-	2,354.00	1,731.00	193,555.02
Durham	103,487.00	30,373.00	6,770.00	305,693.23	-0-	25,025.00	-0-	471,348.23
Edgecombe	28,062.00	19,198.00	8,651.00	142,509.00	11,325.00	7,906.00	1,499.00	219,150.00
Forsyth	148,066.50	26,142.00	11,562.00	435,146.35	2,665.00	51,372.35	-0-	674,954.20
Franklin	21,157.00	10,171.00	1,626.00	80,239.00	-0-	998.00	415.00	114,606.00
Gaston	75,075.00	38,352.00	17,004.00	339,576.55	-0-	11,715.00	70.00	481,792.55
Gates	5,541.00	3,262.60	338.00	31,289.43	-0-	-0-	-0-	40,431.03
Graham	3,542.00	2,646.00	842.00	20,620.00	--	98.00	-0-	27,748.00
Granville	21,275.00	8,622.00	2,145.00	88,388.50	-0-	2,078.00	350.00	122,858.50
Greene	9,754.00	5,756.00	810.00	54,568.00	-0-	208.00	-0-	71,096.00
Guilford	270,398.50	35,875.00	27,482.00	751,037.58	-0-	99,099.00	-0-	1,183,892.08
Halifax	27,770.25	18,211.00	5,554.00	199,056.66	5,852.00	4,233.00	1,571.00	262,247.91
Harnett	25,241.30	12,854.01	2,111.00	121,443.15	8,207.00	3,718.01	2,558.00	176,132.47
Haywood	18,470.00	10,374.00	2,909.00	188,334.10	1,915.00	2,613.00	83.00	224,698.10
Henderson	24,143.00	11,444.56	4,014.00	114,349.86	4.00	1,244.00	-0-	155,199.42
Hertford	18,017.00	9,908.96	2,602.00	91,330.39	-0-	1,840.00	56.00	123,754.35
Hoke	13,368.00	7,337.00	2,285.00	81,632.75	-0-	148.00	-0-	104,770.75
Hyde	3,151.00	2,048.00	216.00	21,990.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	27,405.00
Iredell	36,248.00	16,754.00	3,379.45	199,805.13	6,610.00	4,697.00	773.00	268,266.58
Jackson	11,222.00	6,766.00	2,889.00	71,012.86	-0-	-0-	-0-	91,889.86
Johnston	31,553.52	16,815.00	7,491.00	213,218.15	8,023.00	4,033.00	1,467.00	282,600.67
Jones	7,084.00	3,894.00	827.00	33,638.00	-0-	360.00	-0-	45,803.00
Lee	21,986.00	10,725.68	5,721.61	67,358.21	-0-	4,002.00	-0-	109,793.50
Lenoir	43,024.00	13,328.68	9,332.50	179,473.92	-0-	7,339.00	251.00	252,749.10
Lincoln	17,338.00	10,158.00	1,870.00	78,178.00	-0-	658.00	-0-	108,202.00
Macon	10,316.00	6,372.40	915.00	83,883.00	-0-	358.00	5.00	101,849.40
Madison	4,421.00	2,650.00	1,374.00	24,284.00	-0-	72.00	-0-	32,801.00
Martin	16,391.00	8,655.00	615.00	78,520.60	-0-	1,506.00	-0-	105,687.60
McDowell	19,535.51	11,472.00	3,340.00	109,104.00	-0-	706.00	-0-	144,157.51

**AMOUNTS OF FEES, FINES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED
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FISCAL YEAR 1975-76**

	<u>Facility Fees County</u>	<u>Officer Fees County</u>	<u>Jail Fees County</u>	<u>Fines and Forfeitures County</u>	<u>Facility Fees Municipality</u>	<u>Officer Fees Municipality</u>	<u>Jail Fees Municipality</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mecklenburg	239,601.50	37,543.00	-0-	850,941.61	-0-	48,502.00	-0-	1,176,588.11
Mitchell	4,866.00	2,504.00	979.00	21,112.00	-0-	564.00	-0-	30,025.00
Montgomery	19,703.00	13,727.83	3,800.00	63,731.70	-0-	1,182.00	-0-	102,144.53
Moore	19,890.00	14,109.00	1,699.50	121,518.70	4,696.00	2,486.00	1,393.00	165,792.20
Nash	30,465.00	22,080.05	5,117.00	219,884.21	15,428.00	7,414.00	2,021.00	302,409.26
New Hanover	60,596.00	10,520.00	7,307.00	225,568.39	-0-	15,785.00	722.00	320,498.39
Northampton	14,021.00	9,025.00	2,046.00	73,898.50	-0-	492.00	-0-	99,482.50
Onslow	57,446.00	25,121.00	19,227.00	501,931.89	-0-	6,334.00	-0-	610,059.89
Orange	24,688.50	12,643.25	2,367.00	152,891.13	12,003.00	10,060.00	718.00	215,370.88
Pamlico	6,789.00	4,237.00	984.00	35,430.49	-0-	12.00	-0-	47,452.49
Pasquotank	17,153.00	5,289.00	1,325.00	90,530.00	-0-	2,512.00	-0-	116,809.00
Pender	13,026.00	7,162.00	2,867.00	84,383.15	-0-	677.00	-0-	108,115.15
Perquimans	6,448.00	3,433.00	680.00	40,336.00	-0-	312.00	-0-	51,209.00
Person	15,180.00	5,583.00	1,614.00	62,653.00	381.00	2,172.00	-0-	87,583.00
Pitt	51,809.00	18,963.00	6,560.00	273,368.15	9,625.00	12,735.00	2,192.00	374,892.15
Polk	8,659.00	5,807.00	3,560.28	61,445.00	-0-	256.00	-0-	79,727.28
Randolph	42,611.50	31,736.73	4,400.00	154,228.05	1,230.00	3,331.00	5.00	237,542.28
Richmond	23,712.00	13,368.00	3,552.00	112,536.60	-0-	1,492.00	-0-	154,660.60
Roberson	45,939.50	25,859.67	8,882.00	384,292.20	17,247.00	7,975.00	3,909.00	494,104.37
Rockingham	32,450.50	18,567.56	2,654.00	174,374.98	15,263.00	8,470.00	2,388.50	254,168.54
Rowan	53,754.00	29,521.50	6,419.90	231,865.29	-0-	6,704.00	-0-	328,264.69
Rutherford	21,312.00	9,46.00	5,969.00	121,008.85	-0-	1,474.00	10.00	159,233.85
Sampson	31,094.00	17,408.00	4,915.00	143,327.00	-0-	2,407.00	45.00	199,196.00
Scotland	24,789.00	12,565.00	4,974.00	123,710.30	-0-	3,388.00	-0-	169,426.30
Stanly	22,359.00	7,171.48	5,141.00	93,358.00	-0-	2,826.00	-0-	130,855.48
Stokes	15,085.50	8,620.00	2,798.00	57,939.00	-0-	409.00	-0-	84,851.50
Surry	35,869.00	23,005.10	3,489.00	149,727.62	855.00	3,482.00	1,499.00	217,926.72
Swain	5,577.00	2,879.00	4,052.00	35,864.93	-0-	154.00	-0-	48,526.93
Transylvania	11,487.00	7,670.06	2,157.00	49,082.00	-0-	735.00	-0-	71,131.06
Tyrrell	3,536.00	2,214.00	31.00	11,229.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	17,010.00
Union	32,201.00	20,065.00	4,594.00	158,256.00	-0-	1,370	-0-	216,486.00
Vance	22,173.00	7,409.00	2,907.00	77,153.00	-0-	2,268.00	-0-	111,910.00
Wake	196,890.60	42,706.17	15,454.10	612,803.03	3,307.00	59,273.00	1,378.00	931,811.90
Warren	9,674.45	4,757.00	1,916.50	31,005.87	-0-	792.00	-0-	48,145.82
Washington	8,629.00	4,785.00	317.00	43,984.00	-0-	622.00	-0-	58,337.00
Watauga	15,315.00	8,384.00	1,639.00	75,383.00	-0-	1,176.00	-0-	101,897.00
Wayne	48,219.53	15,060.10	5,246.00	190,568.11	678.00	7,959.00	221.00	267,951.74
Wilkes	32,676.00	16,314.00	6,039.00	123,271.82	-0-	252.00	-0-	178,552.82
Wilson	33,754.00	18,595.85	5,488.00	135,922.58	-0-	5,005.00	-0-	198,765.43
Yadkin	14,083.00	6,553.77	2,505.50	60,813.23	-0-	900.00	-0-	84,855.50
Yancey	5,806.00	3,814.00	1,407.00	24,618.00	-0-	268.00	-0-	35,913.00
Totals	\$3,250,204.00	\$,326,721.58	\$441,516.03	\$14,917,907.14	\$173,137.00	\$579,980.36	\$34,034.50	\$20,723,500.61

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****As of December 31, 1976**

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Superior Court Division*

<u>District</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Residence</u>
27	Robert E. Gaines John R. Friday Robert W. Kirby	Gastonia Lincolnton Cherryville
28	Harry C. Martin Robert D. Lewis	Asheville Asheville
29	Jonathan W. Jackson	Hendersonville
30	Lacy H. Thornburg	Webster

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Robert R. Browning	Greenville
Robert L. Gavin	Pinehurst
William T. Graham	Winston-Salem
David I. Smith	Burlington
Donald L. Smith	Cary
Ralph A. Walker	Greensboro

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<u>Judge</u>	<u>Residence</u>
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Walter J. Bone	Nashville
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District Court Division*

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3	Charles H. Whedbee Herbert O. Phillips, III Norris C. Reed, Jr. Robert D. Wheeler	Greenville Morehead City New Bern Grifton
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8	John P. Exum Kenneth R. Ellis Herbert W. Hardy Arnold O. Jones W. Milton Nowell	Kinston Fremont Maury Goldsboro Goldsboro
9	Claude W. Allen, Jr. Ben U. Allen Linwood T. Peoples Charles W. Wilkinson	Oxford Henderson Henderson Oxford
10	George F. Bason Henry V. Barnette, Jr. Stafford G. Bullock George R. Greene John H. Parker	Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh Raleigh
11	Robert B. Morgan, Sr. Woodrow Hill W. Pope Lyon Elton C. Pridgen	Lillington Dunn Smithfield Smithfield

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District Court Division*

<u>District</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Residence</u>
12	Derb S. Carter Coy E. Brewer, Jr. Joseph E. Dupree Charles L. Guy George Stuhl	Fayetteville Fayetteville Raeford Fayetteville Fayetteville
13	Frank T. Grady J. Wilton Hunt, Sr. William E. Wood	Elizabethtown Chadbourn Whiteville
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District Court Division*

<u>District</u>	<u>Judge</u>	<u>Residence</u>
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23	Ralph Davis Samuel L. Osborne	North Wilkesboro Wilkesboro
24	J. Ray Braswell Robert H. Lacey	Newland Newland
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	Gates	John D. Jones Floyd G. Morris			
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